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1900 SURRENDER TO ESTRADA AT RAMA; 600 FALL

Gen. Gonzales, Head of Zelaya Forces, Turns His Command Over to Insurgents.

U. S. SURGEONS LANDED

Americans Sent From the Des Moines to Care for the Wounded.

BATTLE OUTSIDE CITY

Two Americans Are Reported to Have Been Killed During the Fight.

By Associated Press.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Dec. 22.—Gen. Estrada has won a complete victory over the Government troops at Rama. A total of 600 men of both armies were killed or wounded. Nineteen hundred of Zelayas men have surrendered, including Gen. Gonzales, who was in command. Two Americans are reported killed.

The fighting occurred outside the city limits. The wounded are being brought here. Commander Shipley has landed surgeons from the Des Moines to care for them.

CAPT. SHIPLEY PUTS THE ZELAYA LOSSES AT 2600

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Confirmation of news dispatches from Nicaragua were received today at the Navy Department in a cablegram from Capt. Shipley of the Des Moines, now at Bluefields, dated at 3 o'clock this morning. The additional information is given in the Navy Department's advices that Gen. Castrillo, four pieces of field artillery, 1500 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition were included in the surrender.

The wounded have been carried to Bluefields where the hospital facilities are more adequate to the demands made by the results of the engagement. Capt. Shipley says he has established a hospital on shore, employing surgeons, assistants and hospital supplies from the Des Moines and the Tacoma.

Zelaya Loses 2600.

No force has been landed from the American warships, Capt. Shipley says. Zelaya's loss in killed, wounded and captured the captain reports, is about 2600.

An earlier telegram from Capt. Shipley dated Dec 21 says that the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua had gained a decisive victory at Rama over the Government forces.

The telegram states that Estrada's army on Dec. 20 began an organized attack on the Government position. The outposts of the Zelaya forces under Gonzales were defeated and routed. The fighting continued Tuesday. Gen. Vasques of the Government forces is said to be a prisoner at Managua, but the cause of his arrest is not known at the State Department.

Captain Shipley's telegram adds that the surrender of the entire Government force was expected yesterday, and that Estrada is confident of complete success. Capt. Shipley says further that the United States gunboat Eagle is within the harbor and is prepared at any moment to land its bluejackets, but in all probability such a course will be unnecessary.

SPEAKER TELLS LUMBERMEN HELL WOULD BLUSH TO CALL KREISMANN'S SOUL ITS OWN

Mayor Kreismann, on account of the stand he has taken on the abolition of the bride arbitrary, was denounced as a "travesty on municipal life" by Kelly R. Chandler at the meeting of the St. Louis Lumbermen's Exchange.

"H—l would blush to call the Mayor's soul its own," added Mr. Chandler, by way of emphasis.

The exchange was discussing the arbitrary, and the efforts of the City Council to have its abolished. The speakers all commended the Council for demanding the removal of the arbitrary. When Mr. Chandler got the floor he began peeling the hide in huge strips from the Mayor.

Mr. Chandler declared the Mayor's attitude has shown him in his true colors, and charged that he is making a fight against having the arbitrary discontinued.

Resolutions were adopted by the exchange strongly commending the Council's position. James E. Gatewood, associate editor of the St. Louis Lumberman, named several large industries that have been forced to move to the east side of the river on account of the arbitrary. Capt. Lloyd G. Harris declared the stand taken by the Council is one of the best moves in years for the advancement of St. Louis.

J. R. Massengale, president of the exchange, presided at the meeting, which was lively from the moment the merchants began discussing the arbitrary. Mr. Chandler is a lumber commission merchant, with offices at 22 North Second street.

$750,000 PAID FOR A PEARL NECKLACE GIVEN AS CHRISTMAS PRESENT

George D. Widener of Philadelphia Reported as the Purchaser.

OTHER CHRISTMAS GIFTS $750,000 WOULD PURCHASE

THE money Mr. Widener paid for his wife's necklace would buy Christmas presents, or other trinkets, for a good many persons:

750,000 Christmas dinners at $1.
500 homes at $1500.
100,000 winter dresses at $7.50.
200,000 boys' overcoats at $3.75.
200,000 girls' cloaks at $3.75.
250,000 pairs of shoes at $3.
1 hospital for children (building and endowment) at $750,000.
1 home for incurables at $750,000.
150,000 men's ulsters at $5.
100,000 suits of clothes at $7.50.
Support 1000 families for a year, each, $750.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Probably the most costly and beautiful Christmas gift that any woman in the world will receive this year will be the rope of magnificent pearls, said to have cost $750,000, which George D. Widener will present to his wife, who was Miss Eleanor Elkins, daughter of the late William L. Elkins, the traction magnate.

As both Mr. and Mrs. Widener are in New York today, confirmation of the report that he was the purchaser of the beautiful pearls sold in New York last week could not be had, but from another source, so direct as to confirmation, it was learned that he bought them. It is the most costly string of pearls in the world, and brought the greatest price of any pearl necklace anywhere.

It is said that Mr. Widener intended the rope of translucent gems, some of which are nearly as large as a pigeon egg and sufficient for a king's ransom, as a surprise for his wife, but news of the gift that a princess might well envy, became public.

It is probable that society will have an opportunity to admire it at a ball to be given by Mrs. Joseph E. Widener at the Bellevue-Stratford next month, and it is fair to assume that Mrs. George D. Widener will wear the pearls on that occasion.

If she should also wear at her throat the string of pearls which she has previously worn, and which have been so much admired, the total value of her pearl adornments will be a million dollars. The strand she now wears is valued at $250,000, the center stone alone being worth $65,000.

A touch of sentiment attaches to the gift of pearls from the fact that the donor and the recipient may be said to have been sweethearts from childhood. P. A. B. Widener and William L. Elkins were social familiars as well as intimate associates in traction enterprises. They lived in houses that may have been said to adjoin, and George D. Widener and Miss Elkins were childhood friends long before they became engaged.

COL. ROOSEVELT AND KERMIT OUT EARLY, AFTER SITATUNGA

Might Sound Like a Disease, but It Is Only a Rare Antelope.

sit"a-tun'ga, n. An antelope, the nakong (Tragelaphus spekei) of Central Africa, like a harnessed antelope, but with plain coloration. —Standard Dictionary.

KAMPALA, Uganda Dec. 22.—Col. Roosevelt and Kermit were out early today hunting the Sitatunga, a rare species of antelope.

This was only the start for a busy day. Later in the forenoon Col. Roosevelt called on Mother Paul, the American mother superior of the convent here; visited the Catholic mission, helped to dedicate a wing recently added to the church mission society's hospital and lunched with Bishop Hanlon.

This afternoon the Colonel received King Daudi Chwa of Uganda, and with the latter attended a dinner given by F. A. Knowles, the sub-commissioner. Tonight the expedition pitched camp at a site provided for it near the church mission society's headquarters.

HELP!

LESS than half the fund needed for the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival has been subscribed.

Would you be happy on Christmas day if through your failure to give to the Fund some poor child was deprived of the happiness this Festival provides?

Ten thousand dollars is needed to provide the dinner for all the poor of St. Louis in the Coliseum on Christmas Day, to provide gifts for all the poor children, to send baskets of suitable food to all the shut-in indigent sick of the city and to serve the Christmas day dinner for homeless men.

Your contribution to this Fund is needed or the great work planned cannot be done. Some of the poor will suffer if you neglect this appeal.

FORTNER'S WIFE CHEERS HIM AS TRIAL IS BEGUN

In Court Beside Husband, She Whispers Encouragement to Accused Man.

TESTIMONY IS TAKEN

Bank Official and Secretary of Steer Firm Are Called to Stand.

STEER TELLS HIS STORY

Witness Describes Defendant's Efforts to Transact Tully Deal.

Mrs. Katharine Handlan Fortner sat beside her husband, M. Dwight Fortner, and cheered him with whispered words of comfort when he went to trial in Judge Grimm's court Wednesday on a charge of forging the name of Henry C. Tulley to a $12,000 check.

The wife, who has stood by her husband against the wishes of her father, A. H. Handlan, entered the courtroom a few minutes after taking of testimony was begun. She advanced to where her husband sat in the defendant's chair, shook hands with him impulsively and sat so close to him that their elbows touched.

She wore a black beaver hat with a black ostrich plume, a black fur cape and a black tailor-made suit, and carried a black muff which matched the cape. The only notes of color in her costume were her tan kid gloves and a string of pink coral beads at her throat.

Fortner was visibly nervous. He wore a new black sack suit, a high turnover collar and a dark green four-in-hand scarf. Most of the time while in court he kept his hands in his lap, and twirled his fingers. Before the trial started, he smoked two cigarettes, lighting the second from the first, and he smoked two more cigarettes an hour later, when a short recess was ordered by Judge Grimm.

The trial is being conducted in Division No. 11 in the east wing of the first floor of the Four Courts building. At the eastern end of the room sits Judge Grimm. To his left ranged in two rows along the south wall are the jurymen. In front of the Judge and slightly to his left is the long table used by the attorneys and reporters. As viewed by the spectators, Assistant Circuit Attorney Newton sits on the right side of this table and between it and the jury. Directly behind him sits Assistant Circuit Attorney Ferriss.

Opposite Newton is Judge Harvey, counsel for Fortner. Behind him, sitting side by side, are C. B. Williams and R. P. Williams, associate counsel for the defense.

Behind these are Fortner and his wife. Mrs. Fortner sits nearest the table, the western half of which is used by the reporters.

Testifies Steer Saw Check.

D. A. P. Cook, assistant cashier of the Third National Bank, testified that he certified a $12,000 check drawn by F. A. Steer and made payable to H. C. Tulley, Feb. 10 last.

Asked whether he saw either of the principals in the transaction, Mr. Cook said:

"The check came to my desk through a pneumatic tube from one of our tellers and I sent it back through the tube."

Howard Copeland, secretary of the F. A. Steer Furnishing Goods Co., testified that on the same day the check was certified he went to the bank at the request of Steer and got the checak. When he returned to Steer's office, he said, Fortner was there. He saw Steer hand the check to Fortner after an indorsement had been placed upon it, showing that it represented a part payment on the purchase of the Alice apartments.

Steer on the Stand.

F. A. Steer was the important witness at the morning session. He told of Fortner's apparently disinterested efforts to bring Steer and Tulley together in a deal for the Alice Apartments and said that at the outset Fortner, though in business as a real estate agent, said that he would not accept any fee from either Steer or Tulley.

"He told me," Steer testified, "that he wanted the honor and the advertisement of closing the biggest real estate deal of the year. That was soon after I first became acquainted with him in September, 1908. He made several real estate trades for me in a satisfactory manner and on Dec. 20, 1908, he first talked to me of the Alice Apartments, owned by Tulley.

"After that he worried me with letters urging that I purchase the apartments. In some of these letters he repeated his statement that he wanted no fee, though he was doing a great deal of work in trying to bring me and Tulley together.

"In some of the letters he inclosed contracts all drawn up and ready for me to sign.

"Tulley wanted $125,000 for the Alice apartments, on which there was a deed of trust for $37,000. His proposition, made through Fortner and by letter, was that I should give him $45,000 and certain property on Spring avenue,

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REALTY MAN ON TRIAL FOR FORGERY, HIS WIFE AND MAKER OF CHECK INVOLVED IN THE CASE

WARRINER, WHO STOLE $643,000, GETS SIX YEARS

He Pleads Guilty and Other Charges Are Not Pressed.

By Associated Press.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—Charles L. Warriner, deposed local treasurer of the Big Four Railroad, pleaded guilty to embezzlement in the Common Pleas Court today and was sentenced to serve six years in the Ohio Penitentiary.

Warriner was presented before Judge Woodmanze of the Common Pleas Court with the definite understanding between Prosecutor Hunt and his counsel that he would plead guilty to the charge of embezzlement and throw himself on the mercy of the Court.

Of the $643,000 Warriner is alleged to have taken from the Big Four Railroad, less than half of that sum has been accounted for by him. There have been many stories circulated that he had secreted part of the money, but these have not been verified.

After Warriner had been sentenced Prosecutor Hunt stated he would not present further charges against him to the grand jury unless it is shown that he had money hidden away. If this should be discovered, the prosecutor said, Warriner can still be prosecuted, as the crime is never outlawed.

The trial of Mrs. Jeanette Stewart Ford, "the woman in the case," who is under indictment charging blackmail and receiving stolen goods, has been set for next Monday. It is not expected, however, that the trial will be begun on that date, but will go over to a new term of court. Mrs. Ford is out on $2500 bond.

THIS IS THE TIME THAT THE "I-TOLD-YOU-SO'S" GET IN THEIR FRIGID WORK

THE TEMPERATURES.

1 a. m.	21	9 a. m.	21
3 a. m.	19	11 a. m.	22
5 a. m.	19	1 p. m.	22
7 a. m.	20	3 p. m.	22

For the Last 24 Hours.
Maximum ..... 29 at 5 p. m.
Minimum ..... 18 at 4 a. m.

We've laughed at the "reuben" who bought the gold brick at some county fair every fall, but here come the sages, who tell us we've bought the brassiest gold brick of all. While Peary, the grim, whom we thought too severe with his rival a few months ago, just gives us the laugh as he reads the returns, and utters his "I told you so."

But we will survive, for each of us has an excuse, though it be a bit lame; the Danes jeer their King; we, the Business Men's League, while the league hands the public the blame. We all were the "goat," and we may as well laugh at each other in viewing our plight and vow that we'll be more suspicious next time, as we admonish "It serves us right."

The official forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature; the temperature tonight will be between 15 and 20 degrees.

B.M.L. (DON'T TELL IT TO THE DANES) SEEKS CITY SONG

Chance for St. Louis Poets to Write Themselves Into Fame.

Who will write a song for the Business Men's League? It must be about St. Louis and it must be one that everybody will sing and whistle.

If it is the real thing it will be warbled at the annual banquet of the League early in January. The competition is open to all and the writer will be paid, though he cannot expect to receive as much as Dr. Cook did for his St. Louis lecture.

Maybe this one will win the prize:

Air: Tell it to the Danes.

St. Louis is the town for us;
We love Carondelet,
We love the dear old Water Tower—
The only thing that's wet.

We'd rather live in old St. Loo,
Say out in Portland place,
Than in that fabled Paradise—
The cradle of the race.

For Adam never knew the joy
Of getting up at dawn
And going to his daily toil
With a strap to hang upon.

This may be considered a trifle too light and airy. In that case the laurel wreath may be placed on the brow of some more ambitious singer. Something like this would have a good chance to win:

Air: Mother Goose. Op. 29. Canto V.

Arbitrary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
More concessions, new possessions,
Promises all in a row.

Arbitrary, quite contrary,
What will you give us now?
More abuses, new excuses,
Pretty curtsies and a bow.

Arbitrary, quite contrary,
What would you have us give?
More franchises, bigger prizes,
That the Terminal may live.

This song might properly be entitled "Owed to St. Louis."

KILLS WIFE, WOUNDS CHILDREN, DIES UNDER PASSING TRAIN

Californian Who Wielded Hatchet Is Believed to Have Become Insane.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 22.—George C. Cheuvrent, a prominent resident of this city, today killed his wife with a hatchet and then perhaps fatally injured his children, a boy of 14 and a girl of 16.

Cheuvrent rushed to the Southern Pacific tracks, threw himself under a passing train and was killed. It is thought he suddenly became insane.

HEIRESS FLEES FARM DRUDGERY FOR FACTORY JOB

Sue Prindle Runs Away From Rich Uncle and Is Arrested in St. Louis.

Sue Prindle, a 16-year-old girl who ran away from Robards, Ky., because she would rather be a factory girl than her uncle's heiress and his drudge, is being cared for by Matron Kintzing in the detention room at police headquarters. The police suspect that a telegram from Chief of Police Hold of Henderson, Ky., stating that she is wanted to answer to a charge of grand larceny, is a ruse to get her back, and will not turn her over to Kentucky officers unless they are convinced that there is foundation for a charge against her.

Besides doing the housework, she says, she had to get up at 3 o'clock every morning, feed the stock, milk the cows and build fires. Her uncle often boxed her ears and told her she was lazy and good for nothing, and she says he several times threatened to shoot her.

Gets Neighbors' Sympathy.

Saturday, in the absence of her uncle, she slipped away to visit her friends, Minnie and George Mills, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mills Sr. Mrs. Blanch Oglesby of 1931 Olive street, St. Louis, another daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mills, was visiting there.

Sue told the Mills family what she had to bear at her uncle's home. She asked Mrs. Oglesby if she did not suppose she could get some kind of work in St. Louis. Mrs. Oglesby told her she thought the only kind of work she could find would be in a factory.

A factory would be better than the farm, Sue said, and she wanted Mrs. Oglesby to take her to St. Louis, but they told her she would be her uncle's heiress some day and she had better stay with him. Toward evening she consented to go back and was taken home in the Mills buggy.

Sunday she says her uncle learned where she had been and abused her and threatened to shoot her if she did not stay away from the neighbors.

Decides to Run Away.

Monday morning she was up at 3 o'clock doing the farmyard work when an impulse to run away came over her. Without changing her dress, she threw a bridle on a horse and galloped to the Mills home. Mrs. Oglesby had returned to St. Louis. Sue told them she was running away. Mills told her to go to his sister in St. Louis and she would help her find work and he gave her some money. She says she and George are not sweethearts, but just good friends.

A train was soon due on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. She bought a ticket to St. Louis for $4.50. An hour before the train reached St. Louis Tuesday night, a telegram came from Chief Hold of Henderson, fourteen miles from Robards, asking that she be arrested. She was met by detectives and taken to headquarters. When the telegram was read to her she cried. She handed $22 to Night Chief Gillaspy.

"That is all I have," she said, "and it was not stolen. George Mills gave it to me." She said all she had spent had been $4.50 for her ticket and a little for fruit and candy.

The police believe her story and will not allow her to be taken back to Kentucky unless good reason is shown.

Buy a little happiness for the poor by swelling the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund.

OFFICIALS KILLED BY ASSASSINS IN THREE COUNTRIES

Chief of St. Petersburg Secret Police Blown to Pieces by Nihilist's Bomb.

NATIVE OF BRITISH INDIA KILLS ENGLISH OFFICIAL

Premier Yi of Korea Fatally Stabbed by Young Countryman Who Was Educated in America—Prime Minister of Roumania Badly Wounded.

A remarkable series of political assassinations of personages high in office is reported today from widely separated points.

In Seoul, Korea, the Prime Minister of the Korean Cabinet was stabbed to death as an apparent result of the intense feeling in Koren against Japanese influence.

In St. Petersburg, the chief of the secret police, Col. Karpoff, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb, supposedly thrown by an anarchist.

In Bombay, British India, the Chief Magistrate of Nasik, Arthur M. T. Jackson, was assassinated by a native for revenge, and presumably as a part of the seditious movement against British official authority.

The Prime Minister of Roumania was shot and seriously wounded by an anarchist.

In each of the countries the governing authority is menaced by a dangerous element directed against the existing regime.

Chief of Russian Secret Police Blown to Pieces by Bomb—Murderer Caught

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—Col. Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated early today. He had been enticed to a modest apartment in a remote street of the Vibory district and there was blown to pieces by a bomb exploded, supposedly, by his host, one Michael Vosskressensky, who had leased the rooms a few days before.

The murderer rushed into the street following the explosion, and was captured. An assistant of Karpoff's who had accompanied him, was severely injured.

Karpoff was appointed from Baku, where he had been chief of the secret police. There have been several convictions of bombmakers recently.

Premier of Korea Stabbed to Death by Countryman Educated in America

By Associated Press.

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 22.—Premier Yi, the head of the Korean Cabinet, was stabbed and fatally wounded today by a Korean, Yie Chaim Yong.

The assailant is a young Christian who was for many years a resident of the United States. The Premier was riding in his jinriksha when the assassin came up with a long kitchen knife in his hand. He drove this twice into the Premier penetrating the abdomen and the lung.

The assassin then turned on the Premier's jinriksha man whom he stabbed and instantly killed. The assassin was immediately arrested. He is a youth of about twenty years and is believed to be a member of a political secret society.

The Premier was removed to a hospital, where he died.

Yi was always credited with fostering anti-Japanese sentiment in Korea. He bitterly opposed the faction among the Koreans which favored annexation to Japan and refused to present a petition for annexation to the Korean Diet.

Notwithstanding Yi's known sentiment in regard to the relations between Japan and Korea, Marquis Ito regarded Yi as an honest, conscientious patriot and refused to listen to the Premier's repeated requests that he be allowed to resign his office.

ENGLISH MAGISTRATE KILLED BY NATIVE IN BRITISH INDIA

BOMBAY, British India, Dec. 22.—Arthur Mason Tippetts Jackson, Chief Magistrate of Nasik, in the presidency of Bombay, was assassinated by a native while attending a theatrical performance last night. The motive for the murder is supposed to have been a wish for revenge upon the magistrate, who had recently sentenced a criminal to life imprisonment.

Nasik is a hotbed of sedition. Jackson had been in the British Indian service since 1888.

Whatever may have been the immediate motive for the assassination of Chief Magistrate Jackson, the outrage cannot fail to increase the ever-present fear of an uprising against British rule in India.

Attempts have been made in India against the lives of Lord Minto, Lord Kitchener, Sir Andrew Fraser, the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, and many other British officials.

On July 1, last, Sir William Hutt Curzon Wyllie, who had recently held important Indian appointments, was murdered at the Imperial Institute in London by an Indian student, who subsequently was hanged. Dr. Cawas Lalcaca, a physician of Shanghai, who was visiting in London, also was killed during the fusillade of shots, though his death may not have been intended.

ROUMANIAN PRIME MINISTER WOUNDED BY AN ANARCHIST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—An official dispatch was received by the State Department this morning from Bucharest to the effect that the Prime Minister of Roumania had been shot and seriously wounded by a Roumanian anarchist.

EMPLOYERS EXPECT TO AVERT PHOTO-ENGRAVERS' STRIKE

Negotiations between the Photo-Engravers' Union and the commercial engraving companies, in which the men are asking a flat scale of $31, are still pending. No strike was ordered, and Lon Sanders of the Sanders Engraving Co. said Wednesday that he hoped for an amicable adjustment of the controversy.

A conference was held late Tuesday between the men and their employers, and before the meeting, President Kroll of the union said that unless the men obtained their demand, a strike would be called. Though there has been no settlement, the expressed opinion of the employers is that an amicable agreement would be reached resulting in a continuance of the present scale.

ARGENTINA SENDS "REDS" TO GOVERN THEMSELVES

ARGENTINA'S summary method of dealing with anarchists is described by a party of Americans who have just returned from the South American republic.

Four thousand persons suspected of being anarchist sympathizers were exiled within a period of a few days, following the assassination on Nov. 14 of Col. Falcon, Chief of Police of Buenos Ayres.

Four hundred of the more violent agitators were sent to Argentina's penal colony in Patagonia, and ordered to live there according to their own ideas of what a government should be.

HORROR PILED UPON HORROR IN FITCH'S NEW PLAY

Women Scream in Hysterical Excitement Over a Scene in "The City."

ONE BOX DEPOPULATED

Intense Strain Too Much for Occupants—Principal Part Wonderfully Portrayed.

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The irony of Clyde Fitch's untimely death was never really understood until last night. For years he had been celebrated as the most acute observer of feminine character among our dramatists. His stock in trade was mainly intrigues of the drawing room and women's wiles. It was often said of him that he could not write a "man's play."

Last night at the Lyric was produced "The City," which Mr. Fitch completed only a few weeks before his death. In it were actors of his choice. They played their parts according to explicit directions which he had left.

For the first time in many a day in New York, women in various parts of the house screamed in hysterical excitement. One box was depopulated of five occupants, unable to stand the pressure of the deftly arranged scene.

Even the men gripped their seats in tense interest. And when the curtain fell and Tully Marshall, who had played a half demented degenerate youth, emerged as an actor of wondrous and proved power, the shouts of the audience were the loudest and most prolonged that have been heard in a playhouse in a year.

Wonderful in Vividness.

No one can genuinely admire this great scene in "The City," but of its wonderful skill and still more wonderful vividness there cannot be a particle of doubt. To reach it, Mr. Fitch rode rough shod over the probabilities. He put the expletives and profanities in the mouths of his characters such as have not been heard across the footlights before. But he landed squarely at the goal he had set for himself. It was at once his most repellant, most daring and most successful work.

George Rand, reared in an up-State town, had heard the call of "The City" and had come to New York to carve out his career. He had succeeded in the eyes of the world. His wealth had increased and he was on the eve of being nominated for Governor.

But the dry bones of a skeleton in the family closet were rattling in his ears. His father, a prosperous but unscrupulous banker, after whom the son patterned his ideals, had been irregular in his domestic life. He had an illegal son and upon his death he had intrusted the secret to his rightful heir, enjoining him to protect the boy, yet to keep the facts of his illegitimate parentage from the family.

Son a Morphine Fiend.

This sickly youth, George Hannock, a slave to morphine, a scoundrel and a blackmailer, was now Rand's secretary. He had made known his intentions to profit by the prospective political graft and Rand thereupon had ordered him out of the house. He refused to go for he knew he had the whip hand over Rand.

The whole miserable business was that, that same morning Hannock had secretly married Cicely, Rand's sister, a girl who had been made headstrong and wayward by the new influences of city life. He had not dreamed that he was her half-brother, for he was ignorant of his own parentage.

Then the scene! Vainly Rand implored him to have the marriage annulled. He refused. Not yet suspecting the truth, Cicely urged him to be firm. Every persuasion was tried, but not an inch would either budge. Then came the revelation, followed by Hannock's curses, insane paroxysms and frenzied protestations. But the girl did not hear the last word of the disclosure, for a shot was heard and Hannock had killed her.

It was at this episode that the audience lost its self-control. The excitement continued as Hannock, bent on taking his own life, pleaded and fought for the revolver which Rand held. The latter was once upon the point of yielding, but he threw the pistol out of the window and left the degenerate to be dealt with by the electric chair.

All this was sensationalism in its most virulent form, but it rang true. It is to be deprecated in a theater, yet its psychology could not be denied. And the technique of the writing no less than the skill of the acting by Mr. Marshall, Walter Hampden as Rand, and Mary Nash as his sister, were wonderful. Beside it Henri Bernstein's vividly theatrical climax in "Israel" became not much more than a shadow.

Utterly Wretched

Nervous Prostration Long Endured Before Remedy was Found.

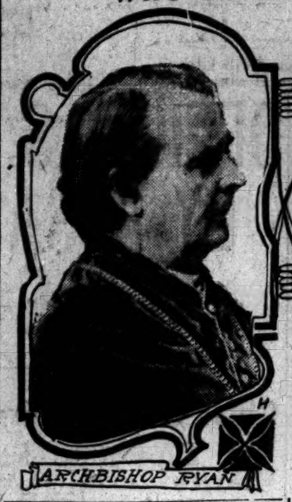
Miss Minerva Reminger, Upper Bern, Pa., writes: "For several years I had nervous prostration, and was utterly wretched. I lived on bread and beef tea because my stomach would not retain anything else. I took many remedies, but obtained no relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, when I began to gain at once. Am now cured."

In cases where a strengthening, toning, appetite-giving medicine is needed, Hood's Sarsaparilla has effected thousands of cures.

There is no real substitute for it. If urged to buy any preparation said to be "just as good" you may be sure it is inferior, costs less to make, and yields the dealer a larger profit.

Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today in the usual liquid form or in the chocolated tablets known as Sarsatabs. 100 doses $1.00.

EX-CONFEDERATE, AND PRELATE WHO SAVED HIS LIFE IN WAR



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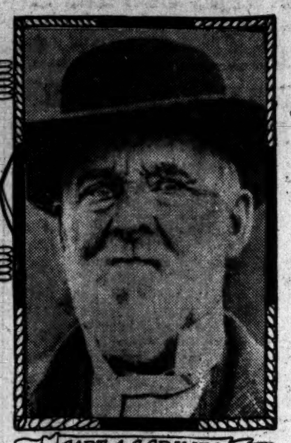

CAPT. A. C. GRIMES

Testimony Begun in Fortner Trial; Wife in Court

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which I value at $50,000. I was to assume the deed of trust. I rejected this proposal, but stated my willingness to pay $25,000 in addition to my property.

Urged Him to Get Draft.

"On Dec. 23, 1908, I received a letter from Fortner in which he again urged me to make the purchase and said that he would take no fee unless I saw fit to give him one. Jan. 13 he wrote saying that he wanted no fee and that all he asked was that if I bought the property I would turn it over to him to manage, so that he could show me what a good investment it was.

"He called at my office Feb. 6 and said it would be satisfactory if I would pay $10,000 in cash. That suited me and to bind the bargain I gave Fortner a check for $1000 to be paid to Tulley as earnest money. He returned this check to me the same day, saying the deal could not be closed on that basis.

"On Feb. 8 I received a letter from him in which he urged me to get a New York exchange draft for $12,500 to be given to Tulley, through Fortner, as first payment on the apartments.

"He called at my office Feb. 10 and again urged that I get the draft. I told him I couldn't see why a certified check wouldn't do just as well. After some objections he consented to take the check. I indorsed it and gave it to him to be delivered to Tulley. He left my office with the check."

Judge Harvey's objection to Steer's testimony that he indorsed the check was overruled. The basis of the objection was that the indictment does not specifically state that Steer wrote his name on the back of the check.

Steer testified that three days after the check was issued he became uneasy and telephoned to Fortner's wife. He was not permitted to repeat what was said over the wire.

He testified also that Frank H. Gerhart and Beal McNamara were other real estate agents who endeavored to interest him in the Alice Apartments.

Stress on Location of Office.

When H. C. Tulley took the stand it became apparent that the exact location of his office on the tenth floor of the Wainwright Building will be an important point in the prosecution of Fortner. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Newton apparently laid the lines for forestalling any evidence that may be given by Fortner's missing witness who is expected to testify that he accompanied Fortner to Tulley's office on the day the check is alleged to have been fraudulently indorsed.

Tulley testified that his office is in the east wing of the Wainwright Building and that in order to reach it one must walk 25 feet from the elevator to an attic storeroom and then walk through the storeroom, which is 35 feet long and 50 feet wide.

He first met Fortner about Dec. 15, he said, when Fortner walked into his office, saying that Steer had sent him to get a figure on the Alice apartments. Fortner told Tulley that he wanted to make a big real estate deal before the year ended.

"He came back Feb. 5 and said he thought he had Steer going.'

"On Feb. 10, when I went back to my office from lunch, Fortner was sitting in my chair with his feet on my desk. 'Here I am, back again,' he said. I told him that the deal was off.

"He held up a piece of paper and said: 'Look what I've got.' It was a check for $12,000 signed with Steer's name. I did not take it from his hand and only saw the face of it.

"I said to him that I considered his action an insult and I added: 'Steer must think I'm hard up.'

"Fortner then asked me where I did my banking. I tod him at the German American Bank and he said: 'Well, don't you think you had better indorse this so Steer can get his money back?'

"I told him that wouldn't be necessary, as all Steer would have to do would be to take the check back to his own bank. The next time I saw that check was the following Monday at the St. Louis Union Trust Co., after Fortner had cashed it."

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FOLLOWS WOMAN 1000 MILES, SHOOTS HER AND ESCAPES

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Edward Gregut, wife of a miner at West Newton, Pa., near here, was shot and fatally wounded today by Adolph Castale, who escaped.

The Greguts arrived here a short time ago from Alabama, having been driven here, it is alleged, on account of the attention shown Mrs. Gregut by Castalo. Her admirer followed her.

EX-CONFEDERATE THANKS RYAN FOR SAVING HIS LIFE

Capt. A. C. Grimes Shows Gratitude to Archbishop After 45 Years.

When Capt. A. C. Grimes, former Confederate spy and owner of a hunting and fishing club in Lincoln County, Mo., heard that Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia was in St. Louis he hurried to the Planters Hotel to again thank the prelate for saving his life during the Civil War.

Archbishop Ryan, then a priest at the Church of the Annunciation at Eighth and Gratiot streets, enabled Capt. Grimes to escape after he had been sentenced to be shot as a spy. Capt. Grimes was carrying mail from Price's army in Mississippi to St. Louis and was captured by Federal soldiers.

After being ordered shot he was sent to a Federal prison in St. Louis adjoining the Church of the Annunciation. Capt. Grimes did not mind being shot, but he preferred to live to serve the Confederacy, and after getting out of prison he slipped into the church and went to Father Ryan with the story of his troubles. Father Ryan sent him to the home of a friend, where he remained in hiding several days. He then made his way back to the Confederate ranks and served in the Southern army until the close of the war.

Capt. Grimes is now living at 4478A Delmar boulevard. He is almost 80 years old, but is strong and active.

Escaped and Recaptured.

Capt. Grimes joined the Rails County Rangers in the beginning of the Civil War. Mark Twain was a member of this brigade, and was elected its lieutenant. From North Missouri Capt. Grimes went to the Southern States. The soldiers could get no letters from home, and Capt. Grimes was selected to invade the territory held by the Federal troops to get mail for the Confederates.

He was captured first at Springfield, Mo., and escaped from prison there. Two days later he was recaptured at Pea Ridge and sent to St. Louis and placed in a penitentiary, from which, after great difficulty and many trials, he escaped. With the aid of the future Archbishop Ryan, he eluded detection until he could get back to the Confederate lines.

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ZACH TINKER AND SON HIRED AT $40 A WEEK TO SELL BEER

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 22.—Zach W. Tinker of St. Louis, formerly president of the Security Brewing Co., and George Tinker, his son, formerly treasurer of the company, were today hired as ordinary solicitors for that company at a salary of $40 a week each.

John McGraw, the receiver whom the Tinkers have been fighting, agreed to employing the Tinkers and the Civic District Court sanctioned the action.

The Tinkers are given their jobs because of "wide acquaintance with the trade of the brewery." It is said the elder Tinker's salary as president was $1000 a month. He owes the company $100,000, according to recent allegations of creditors.

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SERVANTS SAVE LIVES IN FIRE AT THE VROOMAN

Scantily Clad Girls Arouse Residents of Exclusive Apartments.

BAREFOOT WOMEN FLEE

C. Porter Johnson, Who Is Ill, Wife and Others Shiver in Nightrobes.

Fashionable women dwellers in the Vrooman Apartments at Taylor and McPherson avenues did not have time to put on their street gowns when they were aroused by cries of fire at 2:45 a. m. Wednesday.

Most of them ran out into the cold winter air in their nightrobes and without their shoes and stockings.

While residents of Shandon Court, where the fire started, were frantically trying to escape, two serving maids, Clara and Lizzie Vaughan, sisters, were heroically attempting to rescue five other girls, who slept in the basement, where the fire started.

To Reward Heroines.

Thomas took up a collection for the Vaughan sisters as a recognition of their heroism and the men and women who were saved contributed $15.20, to be divided between Clara and Lizzie.

Escaping gas from one or more of 60 gas meters in the front part of the basement of Shandon Court is supposed to have been ignited by a gas jet.

While no one in the apartments heard an explosion, the Vaughan sisters say they were awakened by a blinding flash of light and an instant later the basement was filled with smoke.

Groping their way to the window of their room, they pushed out a wire screen and forced open the sash. Lizzie and Clara climbed out the window. Though they wore only their nightgowns, they ran down the ice-covered alley, knocking on each of the windows occupied by other young women servants and crying "Fire!"

Girls Arouse Occupants.

Some of the girls, aided by the Vaughan sisters, pried the screens from their windows and crawled out and others escaped through doors. Those who were aroused and rescued by Clara and Lizzie Vaughan were Della Gleeson, Lena Feigel, Margaret Willenbrink, Lizzie Baer and Lizzie Theobald.

Lena Feigal ran to the corner and turned in a fire alarm and the Vaughan sisters went through the upper floors of Shandon Court, arousing the occupants.

Attorney C. Porter Johnson and his wife, who have apartments on the first floor, were aroused by the girls and found their rooms filled with smoke. Mr. Johnson has been ill a week. Though there was grave danger that exposure might cause a relapse, he had no time to dress. He and his wife, both barefooted, stood in the street while other occupants of the court were being aroused.

Orrin Brown, Mr. and Mrs. William Geist, Mrs. L. C. Farrar and Clyde C. Thomas left the building scantily clad. Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Biddle whose apartments are on the third floor had time to don a few garments.

Though the apartments are fire-proof, an explosion of gas was feared and after the flames were extinguished the police would not permit the dwellers to return to their rooms for an hour. Most of them were out in the cold for nearly two hours.

Though the fire was confined to Shandon Court, some of the girls in the basement of another court were greatly excited and firemen helped them through the windows.

All the interior woodwork of the basement of Shandon Court was destroyed, the loss being estimated at $500.

CHANCE TO GET A HUSBAND IF YOU CAN MILK A COW

OCONTO, Wis., Dec. 22.—John Barney, a farmer living near Brookside, Oconto County, is anxious to get a wife 25 years of age or younger. He will require no work of her excepting to milk a cow or two occasionally on Sundays.

Mr. Barney will take her buggy riding, bring her to Oconto to attend the moving picture shows once a week and buy her a nice ostrich plume, he says.

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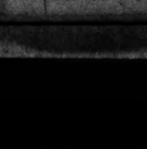

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RIOTS MAR POMP AT FUNERAL FOR KING LEOPOLD II

Crowds Displace Carriages of Mourners Until Driven Back by Soldiers.

SOLEMN SERVICE HELD

Body Rests in Royal Vault Near Those of Other Members of Reigning House.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch and New York World.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—Leopold II, King of the Belgians, was buried today in the royal vault in the Church of St. Mary, at Laeken. The funeral was marked by all the pomp and ceremony Brussels and Belgium could produce.

The body of the late King rests near those of his Queen, Marie Henriette, the Princess Josephine and the Duke of Brabant.

Cavalry Maips Charge.

After the religious ceremony, which was of imposing solemnity, the military cortege drove through a mass of riotous citizens. The lines of soldiery were broken, and the carriages thrown out of their places. So unruly did the people become that the cavalry was forced to charge. Many of the onlookers were wounded so seriously that they were taken to hospitals.

A holiday had been proclaimed and thousands of persons filled the streets during the services. Early in the day the body was taken from the royal palace to the cathedral of St. Michael and St. Gudule, where impressive funeral rites were held.

From the church the cortege moved to Laeken, where repose the bones of Leopold I, Queen Louise and those of Leopold's immediate family whom he had survived.

Prince Albert a Mourner.

The cortege entered the transept portal headed by officers of the army and civic guard in full uniform and followed by the judges in their scarlet robes, the ministers, members of parliament and many priests. The priests' intonation of "De Profundis" filled the great edifice as the huge cross appeared, followed by the rich-robed Cardinal Mercier, the archbishop of Melines, whose tall figure and pale, ascetic face, gave added solemnity to the occasion. Behind the velvet-covered casket walked Prince Albert, who wore the uniform of a general.

A requiem mass was celebrated by the Cardinal. The famous collegiate choir of Brussels rendered without organ accompaniment, "Dies Irae" and "De Profundis." The mass was followed by the rites of absolution, performed over the body by five bishops and the papal nuncio. This concluded, the cortege was reformed and proceeded to the church at Laeken, where the burial was made.

As the military cortege left the cathedral and passed through the denser parts of the city the crowds increased and impatiently surged against the cordons of soldiers who guarded the line of march. The soldiers were unable to restrain the spectators, who soon became riotous.

New Riot Is Started.

For a time disorder reigned. The lines were broken and in the hopeless confusion which followed, the carriages of the members of the Parliament were intercepted and the funeral parade all but broken up. The police and soldiers struggled with the excited people and in the clash many persons were so bruised that they were sent to the hospitals.

At Laeken burial service was held. The assemblage included the women of the royal family. Several missionaries from the Congo, including a negro, were present.

WOMAN IS REBUKED BY COURT FOR TART ANSWERS

Mrs. Levina M. Walters Surprised When Husband Defends Divorce Suit.

Mrs. Levina E. Walters, who supposed her divorce suit was going by default Wednesday in Judge McQuillin's court, was indignant when her husband, Charles W. Walters, rushed into the courtroom at the last moment and insisted upon putting her to grilling cross-examination.

Her answers consisted of such tart amenities as "None of your business" and "I won't tell you," until the Court asked her how she would like to go to jail for contempt.

"In October, 1908, in the kitchen at home, didn't I give you $100?" demanded Walters.

"No," was the sharp answer, "Uncle Sam gave it to me."

"Didn't Uncle Sam owe the money to me?"

"He gave it to me because you drank so much," tauntingly said the plaintiff.

"What did you do with the money you got from that Denver suit?" pursued Walters.

"That's my business," snapped his wife.

"To whom did you hypothecate 25,000 shares of gold mining stock?" asked he.

"None of your business," replied Mrs. Walters, furiously angry.

"Madam, how would you like to go to jail for contempt? put in Judge McQuillin.

"Did I get any of the $50 for which you sold the stock?" asked her husband.

"No," she retorted, "you drank up every dollar you got."

This rebuff seemed to discourage Walters, for he ended his examination. On his assurance that he "could bring in the whole city of St. Louis" to testify to his sobriety, the Court took the case under advisement.

CITY IS WITHOUT TITLE TO GROUND FOR BRIDGE PIER

Promise of Southern Railway Is Obtained to Relinquish Land for $100.

CAISSON IS ORDERED

Mayor Is Informed That Delay Now Would Put Construction Back a Year.

No title to the land on which the east pier of the Free Bridge is to stand has been acquired by the city, and there is no likelihood that a clear deed to it will be obtained for five months.

Meantime President Reber of the Board of Public Improvements has ordered the contractors to proceed with work and they are now sinking a caisson on the property which belongs to the Southern Railway. A bill appropriating $100 for the purchase of an option on the ground—80x39 feet—is now before Mayor Kreismann.

President Reber of the Board of Public Improvements told a Post-Dispatch reporter Wednesday that there is no assurance that the city will get a title to the property.

"The Southern Railway Co. has signified its willingness to sign an agreement to give a deed to the property, and to obtain releases from eight mortgages," said Reber.

Option Awaits Approval.

"This option is to terminate in five months, and the agreement has been forwarded to the general offices of the Southern Railway Co. in Washington, D. C., for signature by the president and other officers.

"If the mortgagees should decline to release their mortgages, the city could still hold the Southern Railway Co. The contractors told me that unless they could start work while the river is low, they would be delayed a year. Rather than defer construction that long, I told them to go ahead and they are sinking the caisson.

"Ordinarily, a structure of any kind placed by one person on the property of another belongs to the owner of the land unless there be a contract to the contrary. But the company which is to build the pier has a lease on six acres of ground, including the site of the pier, and the caisson and other materials belong, not to the city, but to the contractors.

"In view of that fact, I think, the Southern Railway Co. could not claim the caisson, even if the city should obtain no deed to the property from the Southern.

"Failing in the purchase of the property, the city might begin condemnation of it. Nothing that has thus far been done by the city has impaired its right to exercise eminent domain."

Public Hearing Refused.

While the bill appropriating $100 for the proposed option was pending in the Municipal Assembly members of the Free Bridge Committee asked for a public hearing on the measure, but their request was refused.

The United Free Bridge Committee has objected to the purchase of the site for the pier, contending that the city should condemn it in the Federal courts to insure a perfect title.

Ladies' shopping lunch at Milford's, 209 N. 6th; select oysters 25c; salads, sandwiches, etc.

Fire Destroys Candy Factory.

Fire destroyed the candy factory of Lawrence Gahn and Michael J. Herzog, at 159 and 161 St. George street, at 12:30 a. m. Wednesday. The loss is estimated at $5000.

Rockefeller Seies Under Knife.

GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 22.—Percy E. Rockefeller, son of William Rockefeller, is convalescing here, after an operation for appendicitis, performed a fortnight ago. No announcement of his illness was made public until today, when it was said he was recovering.

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BROKAW TELLS OF FATHER-IN-LAW'S THREAT TO KILL

Parent, He Declares, Said He Would Shoot Him for Late Rising.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

MINEOLA, N. Y., Dec. 22.—That a threat to kill him was made by James A. Blair, father of his wife, will be testified to when W. Gould Brokaw's testimony in his defense is heard. The young millionaire will detail the occasion when the elder Blair came to Atlantic City and found the young couple in their rooms until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. In describing the incident in court today, Lawyer McIntyre of Brokaw's counsel said:

"An exchange of words passed, during which Brokaw protested that Blair had no right knocking on their apartment door, that he had married his daughter and he was capable of attending to her needs without her father's intervention."

Blair then threatened to kill Brokaw if the latter's conduct made her unhappy. Brokaw will testify that the father then demanded that some arrangement be made by which the young couple would arise earlier and go out into the sea air or he would blow out Brokaw's brains. It was then that Brokaw replied that he would give Blair an opportunity to carry out his threat if Blair would allow him a chance to get a pistol also.

When questioned regarding the incident, Brokaw said: "That's all true. He did object to us being in our rooms all day and said he would shoot me. When I saw he meant it, I only asked him to give me a chance to arm myself. It's the first time I ever heard a father-in-law object because too much affection was placed upon his daughter."

Owing to the unexplained absence of Lawyer Weiss of counsel for the defense, with all the minutes of the trial, the case went over until 1 o'clock at Mr. McIntyre's request, so the missing lawyer could be looked up.

New England Society Dines.

The twenty-fifth annual banquet of the New England Society of St. Louis was held Tuesday evening at the Southern Hotel. More than one hundred members were present. Among the speakers were Curtis Guild, former Governor of Massachusetts; the Rev. Dr. Albert Hastings Jordan of St. Louis and the Rev. Dr. Samuel McCord Crothers of Cambridge, Mass.

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Christmas Cards and Calendars — East Aisle—First Floor
Sewing Box Novelties — Locust St. Door—First Floor
Silverware and Cutlery — Tenth St. Aisle—First Floor
Table and Decorative Linens — Second Floor
Babydom and Undermuslins — Second Floor
Sorosis Shoes and Slippers — Second Floor
Blankets and Comfortables — Locust St. End—Second Floor
Automobile and Carriage Rugs — Locust St. End—Second Floor
Novelty Silks and Dress Goods — Second Floor
Fur Coats and Sets — Third Floor
Kimonos and House Garments — Third Floor
Boys' Clothing and Furnishings — Third Floor
China and Cut Glass — Fourth Floor
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WANT PERSONAL FACTS

Color, Race and Ability to Speak English Are Some of Things to Be Asked.

By Wire From the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Everybody in the United States will be asked 32 questions about their intimate and personal affairs on or after April 15, 1910. That will be 2,880,000,000 questions, if the country lives up to the advertised 90,000,000 population.

Some of these questions will make some people mad, and the mortality among census enumerators is expected to be about the average. For instance, when Col. Todhunter is asked whether he is white, black, mulatto, Chinese, Japanese or Indian, he may get peeved and insurge some. Brander Matthews, Richard Bartholdt and Chuck Connors probably will take umbrage when asked whether they speak English.

One question is, "Whom do you work for?" Replying to this, you are not permitted to say "my wife" or "the Standard Oil Co." You will also be expected to inform the Government how many weeks you were out of work in 1909 and whether you had a job April 15, 1910.

Experts Pass on List.

The population schedule which will be carried by the enumerators during the thirteenth decennial census has engaged for the past few months the joint consideration of Assistant Director Willoughby, William C. Hunt, chief statistician for population, and Prof. William B. Bailey, Yale instructor in political economy, who later was commissioned supervisor of the census for the State of Connecticut.

The schedule has been approved by Census Director Durand, and in its final form will be 15 by 23 inches in size, printed front and back, with 50 lines on each side, one for each person enumerated. The Government Printing Office will print 1,800,000 copies, so as to give each of the 330 supervisors of census an ample supply to meet all the needs of about 67,000 assistants, who will enumerate the population in April.

The paper on which the schedule will be printed will be first-quality white writing, 23 by 32 inches, 64 pounds to the ream, the total weight being 230,400 pounds. The schedule paper is very heavy and will stand a great deal of handling.

Total of 32 Questions.

The 32 questions are classified under 13 groups. The first is "location," and under this head the enumerator must write down the street, avenue, road, the house number in cities or towns, and the number of the dwelling house and the number of the family, in the numerical order of the enumerator's visitation.

Under the subject "Name," for each person whose place of abode on April 15 was in the family being enumerated, the census taker is instructed to enter the surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. He must include every person living on April 15, 1910, and must omit children born since that date.

The third group, "relationship," calls for a statement of the relationship which the person enumerated bears to the head of the family in which he resides.

The "Personal Description" group arks for the sex; color or race—that is, whether white, black, mulatto, Chinese, Japanese, or Indian; aged at last birthday; whether single, married, widowed, or divorced; the number of years of present marriage; and, under the subject of "Mother of how many children," the number of children each woman has had and the number now living.

The group relative to "Nativity" requires answers stating the place of birth of the person enumerated and also of his or her father and mother. The instructions are that if either is born in the United States, the enumerator must give the State or Territory, but if of foreign birth he must give the country.

The two questions regarding "Citizenship" apply to foreign-born persons only, and call for a statement of the year of immigration to the United States, and, in the case of adult males, whether naturalized or alien.

Language Statistics Wanted.

The next question requires the enumerator to ascertain whether the person is able to speak English, or, if not, to give the language spoken.

There are five questions touching upon "occupation." The first calls for the trade or profession. The next calls for a statement of the general nature of the industry. The third wants to know whether the person is an employer, employe or working on his or her own account, and, under the fourth and fifth questions, whether out of work on April 15, 1910, and the number of weeks out of work in the year 1909.

The questions in the "education" group are "whether able to read," "whether able to write," and "attended school any time since Sept. 1, 1909."

Information regarding "ownership of home" will be obtained by these questions: Whether the home is owned or rented; if owned, whether free or mortgaged, and whether it is a farm or simply a house, as in a village or city; if a farm, the schedule carries for purposes of identification the number of the farm schedule.

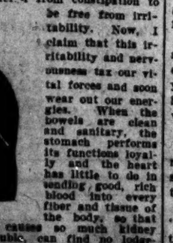
The schedule further contains inquiries as to whether the person enumerated is a survivor of the Union or Confederate army or navy; whether blind in both eyes, and whether deaf and dumb.

He who burns life's candle at both ends will find His tomorrows all bankrupt With no credit behind.

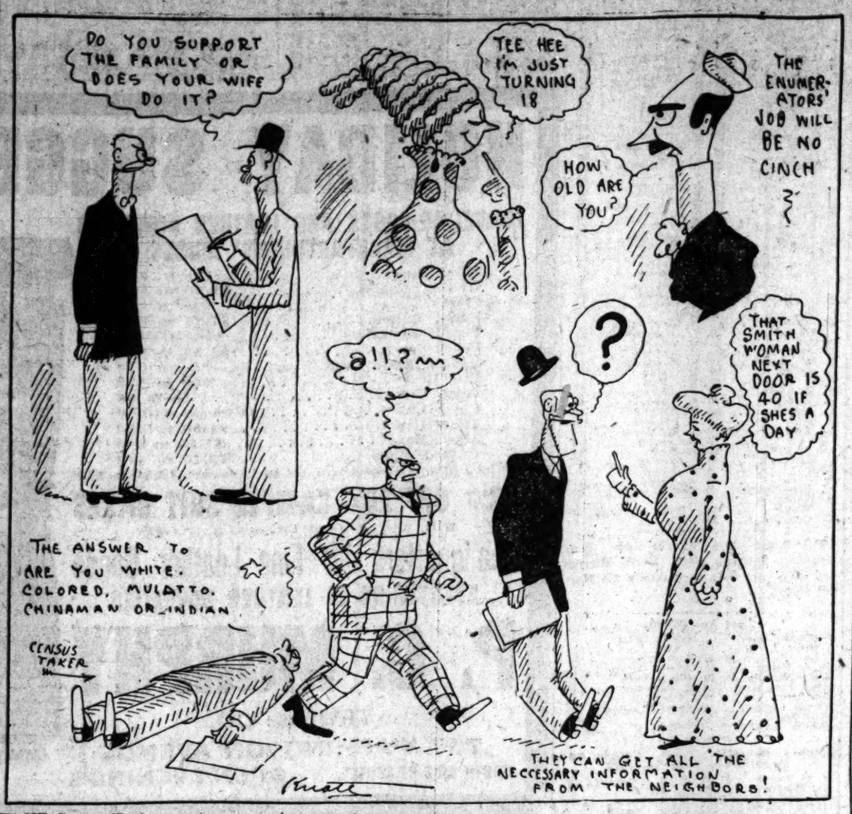
MUNYON.

LAST week I announced that I believed the time would come when people would live on almost indefinitely; that science would find the phosphates and elements necessary to supply the waste that takes place in the human body; that I considered it a crime for people to wear out their energies in 60, 70, 80 or 100 years.

This declaration has called forth praises and condemnations from all parts of the country. One prominent physician writes: "Your theory that the large bowel is responsible for most ills is well founded, but unlike the appendix, I don't see how it can be dispensed with." I don't, either. But I do see how it is possible to keep it clean and sanitary. I do see the absurdity of carrying around in this bowel quantities of decayed, effete and gaseous matter which can only irritate the nerves, stagnate the liver and disarrange the digestive organs. I do know that biliousness, indigestion, headaches, heart palpitation, nervousness, and in many cases kidney and rheumatic ailments are produced by this clogged condition of the bowels. I have never known a person who suffered from constipation to be free from irritability. Now, I claim that this irritability and nervousness tax our vital forces and soon wear out our energies. When the bowels are clean and sanitary, the stomach performs its functions loyally and the heart has little to do in sending good, rich blood into every fiber and tissue of the body, so that uric acid, which causes so much kidney and rheumatic trouble, can find no lodgment in the human body. Keep the bowels in good condition and ladies will have very little use for cosmetics to give their cheeks the glow of youth or their eyes the brightness and vivacity of perfect health. Keep the bowels clean and sanitary, and there will be no blood impurities manifesting themselves as pimples and eruptions upon the face or any part of the body. I go further, and say, keep the bowels clean and people will be less suspicious, less jealous, less nervous, and there will be less cause for divorce and domestic infelicity. Furthermore, I believe that longevity depends upon the condition of the nerves and that the nerves depend upon the condition of the bowels. I am not alone in this opinions. I find that some of the most learned scientists of Germany and France are working on this theory, and I most conscientiously believe that Munyon's Paw Paw Pills will do more to prevent disease, to remove bodily ailments, to succeed cheer and prolong life than any remedy that has ever been compounded. They not only stimulate digestion, correcting dyspepsia and the fermentations of the stomach, but they seem to coax the liver into activity by passing from the lower bowel in an antiseptic way all the effete matter, making it clean and sanitary. People who are suffering from constipation owe it to themselves to take a Paw Paw Pill every night. They are in no sense a purgative, but have the power of stimulating the bowels into a natural performance of their functions. People who eat hearty dinners of drink cocktails will find these pills a great blessing. In order that every one may have a chance to try them, I have reduced the price of a 10-cent box, containing ten pills, to 5 cents. Each bottle contains about fifty pills, and sells for 25 cents. MUNYON.



Census Man Can't Get You If You Happen to be Out



THE Census Man's a-coming
And he'll want to know your age,
And he'll ask you other questions
That will throw you in a rage.

YOU'RE not supposed to kill him;
He belongs to Uncle Sam,
Though he'll get your nerve so rattled
That you'll feel like saying "pshaw."

HE will want to know your business
And the reason you're on earth,
And whether rain or fleecy snow
Was falling at your birth.

STEEL TRUST TO DISTRIBUTE $2,000,000 CHRISTMAS BONUS

Amount That Goes to Officers and Employes Determined by Earnings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—More than $2,000,000 will be distributed by the United States Steel Corporation as a bonus to its officers and employes, 60 per cent of which will be in cash, according to the official announcement of Chairman Gary today. The bonus was first announced as $1,000,000, but Chairman Gary corrected this in his official announcement today in which he said:

"The amount is determined as usual by the annual earnings. The sum distributed for 1909 amounts to a little over $2,000,000. This will be paid 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in preferred stock at 124, or common stock at 90, in accordance with the recipients, so far as is practicable and convenient. Also the usual opportunity will be given to subscribe for 25,000 shares of the preferred stock of the corporation at 124, under the usual conditions."

Christmas Gifts on Credit.

Have you seen our splendid Diamonds, specially priced for the Christmas trade? No such bargains ever before offered. Call and see them. Open evenings. Loftis Bros. & Co., 2d floor, 308 N. 6th st.

DEADHOUSE KEEPERS ARE FIRED FOR 'TIPPING OFF' UNDERTAKERS

Six Employes of City Hospital Accused of Informing One Firm of Deaths.

The discharge of six keepers of the City Hospital deadhouse within three months is believed to have checked the practice of "tipping off" deaths at the hospital to a certain undertaking firm.

The seventh man, who has been on the job for nearly three weeks, is believed to value the position, with its salary of $45 a month and board, too highly to take any chances on losing it. Undertakers, who protested against the favors of this sort shown to a certain firm, have been assured by Health Commissioner Bond that the hospital authorities will do their best to obtain a "square deal" for all. The undertakers' association, at its meeting in Fraternal Hall Tuesday night, reviewed the effort made to abolish this "graft." The firm "tipped off" by hospital employes with the first news of deaths used to hurry solicitors to relatives, it was said, and in this way got much business.

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To Cincinnati

Leave St. Louis	Arrive Cincinnati
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12:00 noon	8:50 p. m.
9:30 p. m.	7:35 a. m.
11:55 p. m.	10:55 a. m.

To Cleveland

Leave St. Louis	Arrive Cleveland
8:45 a. m.	8:40 p. m.
8:50 a. m.	10:15 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	1:50 a. m.
8:00 p. m.	12:30 p. m.
11:55 p. m.	3:15 p. m.

To Indianapolis

Leave St. Louis	Arrive Indianapolis
6:41 a. m.	5:00 p. m.
8:45 a. m.	2:15 p. m.
8:50 a. m.	3:00 p. m.
12:00 noon	6:05 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	6:45 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	3:20 a. m.
9:30 p. m.	4:20 a. m.
11:55 p. m.	7:20 a. m.

To Terre Haute

Leave St. Louis	Arrive Terre Haute
6:41 a. m.	2:35 p. m.
8:45 a. m.	12:35 noon
8:50 a. m.	1:12 p. m.
12:00 noon	4:20 p. m.
1:00 p. m.	5:02 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	12:55 a. m.
9:30 p. m.	2:20 a. m.
11:55 p. m.	5:10 a. m.

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FREEHOLDERS WILL BEGIN TO FRAME CHARTER IN JANUARY

Board Listens for Eight Months to Addresses by Civic Authorities.

The Board of Freeholders has decided to go to work. At the next meeting, on Jan. 4, the members will begin to frame a charter for the city, a function which they were elected more than eight months ago to discharge. At their meetings heretofore the freeholders have listened to addresses by authorities on various civic departments.

At the session Tuesday, Owen Miller introduced a resolution providing that the board resolve itself into a committee of the whole and proceed in executive session with the framing of the charter. The resolution passed.

Robert H. Whitelaw introduced a resolution asking that the St. Louis newspapers be notified that the board has taken no formal action on any question so far. Being informed that the newspapers were presumably aware of this fact, Mr. Whitelaw withdrew his resolution. He said the press had given an erroneous impression that the board was opposed to certain public utilities corporations.

TYPHUS MILKMAN SEEKS ADVICE

Barred by Health Authorities He May Reinlist in Army.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 22.—Henry Harrison Comstock, the Norfolk dairyman debarred by the local authorities as a carrier of typhoid germs, though he has not had the fever for several years, has gone to Baltimore to submit to expert medical examination.

Comstock, who came from Paris, Ill., served in the United States army before locating here, and he says if he is unable to find other work he will reenlist in the army.

Manana—Means Tomorrow, but "Do it NOW." Phone Monarch Laundry. Wagons call for family wash. Rough dry. Separate depts. Cheaper, cleaner, sanitary.

Negro Women Rob Men on Street.

Orlie Hutchinson of Jamestown, Ind., and Luther Hunt of Eaton, Ohio, were robbed by two negro women at Jameton and Market streets about 11 p. m. Tuesday. Hutchinson lost $10 and Hunt $55. Police of the Manchester Avenue District arrested Alice Clay of 2117 Pine street, and she was identified by the two men as one of the robbers.

LEITER KIN DIES IN POVERTY

Man Said to Have Been Millionaire's Cousin a Laborer.

Joseph Leiter of 1626 Carr street, members of whose family say he was a cousin of Joseph Leiter, Chicago wheat king and mine owner, died at his home of abscess on the brain, and was buried Tuesday afternoon. Relatives say that he was wealthy until a few years ago when he lost his money in speculations. He quarreled with the Chicago Leiters several years ago over business matters, relatives say, and when he needed help recently he refused to appeal to them. He was 65 years old and a laborer.

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EXCELS IN ITS PURITY, FLAVOR AND GENERAL EXCELLENCE

DAVID NICHOLSON GROCER CO.
St. Louis, Mo.

This store will be open tonight! Special attractions!

Many unusual bargains offered those who do their Christmas shopping here this evening

Gift certificates

IF you are in a quandary about the "giving" problem, the merchandise certificates make it all smooth and easy—the giving is simple—the recipient pleased—issued for any amount at the exchange desk.

Nugent's

Bell Telephone: Olive 3900. Kinloch Telephone: Central 3200.

Glove certificates

ABSOLUTE satisfaction is a certainty when one buys one of these handsome engraved glove orders. One can make swell selections and be fitted at any time. Issued at the glove counters for $1 or more.

Dress goods! Silks! Wash goods!

BEAUTIFUL 1910 fabrics—ready for that Christmas present—Cheney Bros., Valentine & Bentley, and imported Lyons Foulards, our own designs and colorings, character and beauty exquisitely combined; Shantungs, plain and exclusive novelties; imported German Henriettas, very clever shades; Vigoureaux suitings, for the new "going away" suits; imported French pure linen suitings; real French and Scotch ginghams, etc., rushed forward by fast steamers and express and **every single hour adds enchantment by new arrivals. Ready Thursday morning**—2nd installment Xmas box patterns.

A PRETTY waist pattern; Plisse Francais or French cambric; complete..... **39c**

A BEAUTIFUL silk waist pattern; mostly small figures and large line of colors; for..... **88c**

JAPANESE and crepe de chine scarfs; full 2 yard patterns..... **95c**

WAIST pattern; Paris silk barred plaids; great color schemes; worth $2.50,..... **99c**

FULL dress pattern, fancy and all-wool suitings; good line styles and colors; a wonderful offering.... **$1.99**

DRESS patterns; foulard silk; several special designs for selection, in wanted colors.... **$2.75**

Extraordinary!! from 6 to 9 p. m. only

ZIBELINE suitings, strictly all-wool, 48 to 54 inches wide, in black, cardinal, garnet and a few mixtures; very stylish today and worth $1.50 a yard . . . **39c**

JAPANESE foulards, pure silk and 24 inches wide, in new cannelle stripes, bars and small neat designs, light and dark colors; cheap at 75c yard . **37c**

$3.50 sweaters $2.45

MEN'S SWEATER COATS; derby ribbed; colors are grays, black, green and brown, with contrasting borders; a splendid quality; very specially priced at... **$2.45**
Third floor.

$2.00 Sweaters, 95c

MEN'S AND BOYS' SWEATERS; heavy derby ribbed; in Oxford grays with colored borders; best coat sweater ever shown for the price; $1.50 and $2.00 values..... **95c**
Third floor.

Smoking jackets

HOUSE COATS OR SMOKING JACKETS; an excellent gift for the man, and we have an excellent line to show you. A special lot up to $7.50 values; specially for..... **$3.45**
Third floor.

Men's bath robes

MEN'S BATH ROBES of German blanket cloth; made with large cape collar and cord at neck and waist; a very handsome garment; price..... **$6.00**
Third floor.

Oriental rug bargain
$25.00 values for $16.45

ONE bale, consisting of 42 choice Shirvan, Daghistan and Guenje rugs, average size about 3 feet 6 inches by 5 feet.
These are silky old rugs, imported by us from Constantinople, and are the most wonderful values ever shown in the city; only 42 in all; each **$16.45**
Third Floor.

Eleventh hour suggestions in Upholstery and rugs

HEAVY ORIENTAL COUCH COVERS—5 ft. wide, 9 ft. long; red or green color combinations; $2.25 value; each..... **$1.45**

MERCERIZED ARMURE PORTIERES—In blue, red, green, olive, brown or nile; with a wide gobelin tapestry border. These are beautiful portieres and are a $10.00 value; price..... **$6.95**

ELEGANT DUCHESS POINT CURTAINS in white or the popular ivory color; artistic designs for parlors and living rooms; values are $10 and $12; price.... **$6.75**

SCOTCH WEAVE NOTTINGHAM CURTAINS in Brussels effects; 3 and 3½ yards long; white or ecru; values range from $2.50 to $3; special Christmas value, price..... **$1.68**

MATTING COVERED UTILITY BOXES—27 in. long; hard maple finished lid; a splendid gift..... **$1.93**

DRESS AND SKIRT BOXES—54 in. long; covered with fine white Japanese matting; have dust proof panel lid and are very desirable; special, at..... **$7.45**

JUST 100 PAIRS of renaissance curtains, with hand-made corner motif; double hem with insertion and edge of renaissance braid; $1.75 value; price..... **$1.19**

WEATHERED OAK SMOKERS' STANDS in the mission style; brass ash tray and match receiver; very special at, each..... **$2.95**

JAPANESE BAMBOO PORTIERES—8 ft. long; neat geometrical designs; $1.50 values; each..... **$1.19**

AXMINSTER RUGS—27x60 inches; floral or Oriental styles; each..... **$1.83**

WILTON RUGS in the best quality; 36x63 inches; two-toned and Oriental effects; $7.50 values; each..... **$4.85**

Silk shawls

FANCY KNITTED SHAWL of silk; also one in white with large pencil stripe check in black; this is an all-wool, double fold shoulder shawl; your choice of either at..... **$2.25**
Second floor.

Women's sweaters

THE LARGEST assortment of women's sweaters in this city; all sizes; colors gray, white and Oxford, also cardinal; prices, **$1.75, $2.45, $3.50, $4.25 up to $13.75**
Second floor.

Russalynx sets

GENUINE "Russalynx" fur set; rich, black, lustrous; an excellent imitation of the real lynx; large rug muff, animal shawl. They won't last long at, per set..... **$7.95**
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Madras waists

BEAUTIFUL figured and striped madras waists; plain tailored; side button effect; also a very handsome lingerie waist trimmed profusely with val. lace and embroidery; your choice **$1.95**
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ALL READY TO GREET OLD SANTA CHRISTMAS DAY

Two Judges on Committee to Escort Him Into the Coliseum.

A. BUSCH GIVES $500

Arrangements Are Completed for Feeding the Thousands of Poor.

As president of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, Mr. Adolphus Busch has notified the Post-Dispatch that he contributes five hundred dollars to the Christmas Festival Fund. This gift greatly encourages the Festival Committee to hope that the entire sum of $10,000 needed for the work of providing all the poor in St. Louis with food and other means to joy on Christmas day will be given by the well-to-do of the city.

Mr. Busch's generous donations to worthy causes are well known. His magnificent gift of $100,000 to the sufferers from the San Francisco disaster far exceeded the contribution of any other person or firm. In St. Louis there are many monuments to his philanthropy, and many have had cause to be grateful to him. He is always in the leadership of good work.

The Executive Committee of the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund held its last meeting Tuesday afternoon in the Mercantile Club. All of the arrangements for the festical at the Coliseum, the dinner for homeless men at the Midday Lunchroom and the distribution of baskets at the Kinloch building were completed and the intricate machinery of the great annual hospitality was pronounced in fine working order.

All that remains is the starting of the machinery and the oiling of it by your contributions. For you mustn't forget that several thousand dollars is yet required to pay the expenses of this great party which you are giving to the poor.

The letters which Santa Claus has been sending from his quarters near the North Pole to the Post-Dispatch caused much excited discussion at the Executive Committee meeting. O. F. Karbe, who is the chief conspirator in the mysterious arrangements for the reception of Santa Claus, mentioned the fact that he knew Peary very well, and he was prepared to ask Santa Claus all sorts of embarrassing questions. But the other members of the committee said they thought that the old fellow would be able to tell a straight story.

For some reason, the committee members expect that Santa Claus will get into trouble when he arrives in St. Louis Christmas morning and makes his way to the Coliseum. A week ago Sheriff Nolte was appointed to take charge of him with a squad of deputies.

The committee added to this precautionary scheme by appointing Judge Moses N. Sale and Judge Wilson A. Taylor and Stephen A. Martin members of a special committee to escort Santa. The two judges will be on hand to release him if he gets arrested and Mr. Martin, as the representative of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., will be there to furnish any size bond that the judges will be forced to require of the frosty old gentleman.

Oscar Dane and Sylvester Von Phul have been added to the committee in charge of the arrangements for the reception in the Coliseum on Christmas day of Santa Claus. Mr. Dane has gathered together a company of actors who will figure in the program of entertainment at the Coliseum and Mr. Von Phul is concerned in charge of some unique plans connected with the entrance of Santa Claus.

A vote of thanks was unanimously voted by the Executive Committee for the co-operation of Robert McCulloch, president of the United Railways, in giving free street car franks for the holders of tickets for the Coliseum dinner and for the baskets.

All of the applications for Christmas baskets have been received and the Executive Committee announces that it cannot handle any more applications. The representatives of the 18 charitable organizations which have acted as distributing centers for the Post-Disptach Christmas Festival Fund held a meeting Tuesday night at the Provident Association at which meeting the cards were made out for destitute families who will receive a Christmas basket the day before Christmas.

THE POOR SEE YOUR GLADNESS AND ARE SADDER; HELP THEM

THE streets in the shopping district were crowded late Tuesday afternoon and evening. Hundreds of men and women and children swarmed in and out of the shops that were kept open for the Christmas trade, and hundreds stood before the windows filled with wonderful presents.

Almost everyone you met seemed happy. Business men with their arms full of bundles run into by little boys smiled instead of frowning. In almost every face was written that spirit of the Christmastide, of fine thoughts, of bright hopes, and new plans for the morrow.

Almost everyone, we said, seemed happy. Because you know there were many on the streets that were not happy. In every crowd around big windows were little boys and girls with pinched faces and wide-open, wondering eyes. While other little boys and girls with their parents pointed out in the windows what they would like to get for their friends and then went rushing into the shops, these little children of the Other Half just looked.

That is all they have been used to doing—just looking. They couldn't do anything else. Some of them have parents, but long ago they have learned that all their parents can do for them is to keep their bodies and souls together. And those of them without parents—well, they forget generally all about gifts and presents, so busy are they in their struggle to keep alive.

THEY forget all about presents all the year around except this Christmas. Then you won't let them forget, will you? You crowd the streets in front of the shops, you fill your automobiles with great bundles before their very eyes; you call out merry greetings to your friends so that they cannot help hearing, and then they (the children of the poor) are forced to stop and think about the coming of Christmas.

And thinking so they begin to wish that someone would remember them; they wonder why it is that since there is no one to bring them presents why they should be reminded of this by you. They cannot understand why pain that comes from hunger and from cold should be made greater by all this blustering, merry-making of yours.

You can see that, can't you? If you can't, then your heart is not worth the work it does for you and your mind has been doing other things than thinking.

That is why you should think at this time of the year of the Other Half. You can go down to their homes in the tenement districts, in imagination at least, and try to find out what you can do to make them happy.

And do you know that more than money or clothes or food even they really want Christmas cheer? It's so, they will tell you it is so themselves.

THERE are hundreds of little children of the Other Half who believe that Santa Claus is going to visit them just as much as your children do. They are waiting for him as your children are. And if he doesn't come their little hearts will be filled with the deepest and the blackest sorrow.

You have seen a child cry. You have seen your children cry. It hasn't troubled you much, because what they cried over was generally something trivial—like teeth, or because they couldn't go out when it was raining.

But have you ever seen a child disappointed in not getting something which it has been expecting for days and days? Have you seen a little child who has been told that Santa Claus would bring wonderful presents on Christmas morning when there was no evidence that he had been there?

It isn't a cheerful sight. First, an expression of wonder comes over the child's face; then the little lips begin to quiver and the eyes brim over with tears. Every Christmas morning children look like that—hundreds of them, the children of the poor.

Please help the Post-Dispatch to keep the disappointments down to a minimum of none.

FURS FOR XMAS GIFTS

Handsome, stylish Furs, $1.50 to $500. Sam Kessler, n. w. cor. 7th and Locust.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

On behalf of 20,000 of the poor who will be your guests at the monster party to be given on Christmas day the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund gratefully acknowledges the following contributions:

Previously reported	**$3648 08**
Received Dec. 21	**668 89**

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS.

Contribution of the factory employes of Blackmer & Post Pipe Co.	$45 85
Office Force Union Cooperage Co. List No. 1173	2 75
Primary Class St. Paul S.S.	2 50
United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co. List 5438	5 50
Cash	25
St. Louis Democratic Club, Rooms 701-02-03 Houser Bldg. List No. 11,341	3 26
No Name	1 00
No Name	1 00
No Name	1 00
Anderson Ridgely	1 00
No Name	50
No Name	10
A Friend	25
Caroline Street C. Bookstruck & M. Hacket	1 00
Chester A. Jones	20
C. Hufschmidt	50
John Hyker	50
List 12,087	5 00
Adele and Fred V. D. H.	20
Cash	1 00
A Friend	50
Five Children	1 00
Cash	1 00
H. H. W.	2 00
Four Little Children	25
Emily, Pop and Marguerite	50
Employes Prufrock-Litton Furniture Co.	3 25
R. S.	25
F. W. S.	25
D. M.	1 00
Mrs. F. A. H.	50
Sarah and Lillie Catlin	50
Mrs. M. E. B.	1 00
Frankie Ham	1 00
No Name	1 00
Cash	50
Freide Halwe	30
Tower Grove Baptist Sunday School	2 25
Lithia and Richard Cleveland	25
L. N. Cleveland	25
Cash	2
Mary Dias	1 00
Mrs. G.	1 00
No Name	25
Allys	50
Mrs. P. M. Porter	25
C. M. B.	1 00
Jane and Martha Weisel	2 00
Christmas	1 00
Geo. Chitenden	1 00
Litts and Gramp Rhodes	2 00
Cash	1 00
Cash	1 00
Elizabeth G. H.	25
W. J.	50
No Name	1 00
H. M. Rector Jr., Conway, Ark.; Heb Fry, Spokane, Wash.; Elizabeth Lamb, St. Louis	10 00
Tommy Fodderty	10
Wm. Gerard	25
Commercial and Credit and Investment Co.	50
No Name	50
J. L. M.	1 00
Mamie S.	50
No Name	5 00
A. H. Lewis Medicine Co.	5 00
S. L. Louise	25
R. Sturhan	25
Mrs. M. Blum	1 00
Jas. McNicol & Sons	1 00
G. K. C.	1 00
L. H. N.	2 00
Dorothy Hewitt	25
Charles, Willie and Maron	85
No Name	25
V. E. and A. Krueger	1 00
R. Bienenstok	05
Children of South Av.	2 21
Good Will to Men	25
Christmas Help	1 00
A. Friend	1 00
O'Fallon, Mo.	10
C. O. Baxtor	10 00
M. M. W.	5 00

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St. Louis Bill Posting Co., List No. 1123.			
P. J. McKelney	$3 00	G. Denton	25
P. J. McKinley	1 00	C. Dubbs	25
R. E. McKinley	50	C. J. Raby	25
J. H. Brinkmayer	50	Harrington	25
H. W. Lake	50	Dave Muir	25
C. Skinner	25	Ed Shure	25
H. Cook	25	F. Whalen	25
W. K. Miller	25	N. Cook	25
S. Murphy	25	G. F. Spiain	25
W. Blake	25	C. Moon	25
W. Gazsoh	25	J. Wynn	25
C. Guy	25	Klupman	25
Chas. Sampson	25	J. Owen	25
O. Lindpohn	25	D. Moon	25
W. S. Jackson	25	W. E. Brown	25
N. Mansfeld	25	J. Miner	25
Gilmore	25	J. Hulon	25
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12-in. high.
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Sizes 2½ to 5½, 10-in. high.
Tan, $3.50 values; specially priced at $2.95
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Black, $3.50 values; specially priced at $2.85
Sizes 13½ to 2.
Black, $3.75 values; specially priced at $3.15
Black, $3.25 values; specially priced at $2.55
Sizes 9 to 13.
Black, $2.75 values; specially priced at $2.25

Men's $4.00 "Knox" Shoes

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Men's $5.50 Cushion Sole

Specially Priced at $4.95

Nettleton's $5.50 Men's Shoes

Specially Priced at $4.95

Men's Resistol

Heavy Work Shoes, Goodyear welt, freak or orthopedic last, $3.50; specially priced at $3.00

Edwin C. Burt

Shoes for Women

"Edwin C. Burt" Women's Patent Colt; Button and Lace Boots; all new with short vamps; sizes 2½ to 8, AA to D; $5.00 values; specially priced at $3.95

Five different styles of the "Edwin C. Burt" $4.00 Shoes for Women, AA to D, 2½ to 8; specially priced at $3.50

$5.00 for $2.95

Women's Brown and Tan Button and Lace Boots, you will find all sizes in the lot, but not all sizes in any one style; "Knox" $5.00 valued; specially priced at $2.95

Childs' Red-Top High Cut Button Boots

8 to 8; specially priced at $2.25
8½ to 11; specially priced at $2.75

Women's Felt Slippers, in black, red, wine and gray; specially priced at $1.25

Men's Slippers

A large variety, in prices ranging from $1.50 to $3.00

National Laundry Co., List No. 2000.			
F. H. Hoffman	1 00	Mary Toban	10
A. Voss	10	Ettie Crabtree	10
N. G. Welsmuller	25	Emma Crabtree	10
P. K. Smith	25	Mrs. Wiegert	10
M. Schneiderer	10	Mrs. Nolan	10
Josephine Gaus	10	A. McIntyre	10
Clara Shultz	10	Mamie Saxton	10
Mrs. McDonald	10	Evelyn Huber	10
Paul Krisch	10	Mrs. Eppens	10
Mrs. H. Stamer	10	Vardie Rupard	10
F. Sandrophel	10	Mrs. Whitson	10
Zelma Meyer	10	Mrs. Hickman	10
Mae Stephens	10	L. Rooney	10
Ada Smith	10	Mrs. Suttmiller	10
Alicia Byrne	10	Annie Weiu	10
J. Boehning	10	T. Ellenbrecht	10
E. Hubbard	10	Carrie Ort	10
Mrs. Marlowe	10	Minnie Polten	10
L. Hartman	10	N. Lolumonier	10
Ella Schmidt	10	Delia Hyser	10
Margaret Lamb	10	Maurie Halline	10
Frieda Schultz	10	Ellen Kinsey	10
T. Bauman	10	Mary Maguire	10
Helen Drew	10	Mary Duydale	10
Lola Beeler	10	Mary Cash	10
Mrs. Terry	10	Mary Brennan	10
Mrs. Pratt	10	Rebecca Scott	10
M. Wheeling	10	Mrs. McManus	10
Anna Craft	10	May Wettering	10
Ben Hohman	25	Mamie O'Brien	10
Mrs. McDonald	10	Mrs. Waterhouse	10
Nellie Tulskl	10	Mrs. Mayberry	10
Anna Luke	10	Dora Hayner	10
A. Shuplach	10	Mrs. Lloyd	10
M. Hurley	10	Sadie Sullivan	10
A. Wheeling	10	Lil Simpson	10
Maggie Cogan	10	Lulu Grisser	10
Clara Hallne	10	Mrs. Conley	10
Ella Hunter	10	W. F. Hoffman	25
Nellie Kidney	10	Chas. Nell	25
Annie Modlle	10	Paul Nahler	10
Carrie Mathis	10	W. B. Montroy	10
I. Sandlothel	10	Ed Nell	10
J. Sholoth	10	E. J. Nell	10
Mrs. Butts	10	C. Crouse	10
Mrs. Hill	10		
Mrs. Winters	10	Total	$11 25

The Dana Chopper makes eating easy. Buy at Famous, Barr's and Grand-Leader.

List No. 1685.			
Wm. Krummel	$1 00	Frank Krummel	50
A. Hurleman	50	Tom Lagars	10
Paul Krummel	10	F. G. Bound	10
Mabel Krummel	10	W. G. Buechner	25
Henry Krummel	1 00	Nick Knopf	25
Mrs. H. Krummel	50	J. C. Kordenbrock	25
Miss L. Krummel	25		
B. A. Huffman	20	Total	$5 60

H. Grone Brewery Branch, List No. 545.			
A. Hoelscher	$2 00	Em. Hagen	25
Cash	3 00	J. Futterknecht	25
Cash	2 00	B. Cinus	50
Cash	1 00	Jos. Frerhanks	25
Aug. Probst	1 00	Frank Feger	25
Tom Gaus	50	Jacob Young	25
Andrew Wolf	25	Math. Niemath	25
Peter Lamp Jr.	25	F. Friederech	25
J. Gerbracht	25	Max Meyer	25
Jos. Narauth	25	Math. Volk	25
C. Kletenacher	25	Anton Berns	25
J. Bolgard	25	E. Rothmind	25
Wm. Merklin	25	F. Kubitsch	25
A. Hermann	25	Cash	15
Beno Liebler	25		
Henri Weber	25	Total	$13 50

Corns removed in 3 minutes with Dr. Woofter's Corn and Bunion Remedy.

Cohen-Schwartz Rail and Steel Co., List No. 265.			
F. Schwartz	$1 00	Ed Ritchie	25
G. V. Schwartz	25	J. Berkofsky	5
H. Mueller	25	L. Dean	5
C. Luradman	25	M. Luchefsky	10
N. Launtzbaum	10	N. Miller	10
J. Gorawavsky	15	O. Cuttran	10
J. Lodafsky	10	B. Cohen	10
J. Howard	10	A. Virask	10
J. McClure	10	Alex Bush	5
J. Bushansky	10	John Orlasky	10
J. Meletsky	10	M. Gorgensky	10
R. Philips	10	Albert Dean	5
M. Vlaka	10	Eli Stump	10
K. Madresick	10	B. Skarvansky	10
M. Geller	5	G. Rodgers	10
Louis Watson	25	E. J. Clement	50
W. Humphrey	25	F. P. Wherry	50
F. Dunninsky	10	B. G. Kunz	50
J. Sherman	25	M. Skotzby	25
Hy. Mass	10	Herman Cohen	2 50
M. Gotell	5	Selig Schwartz	2 50
M. Izen	25		
W. Dodsan	10		$12 40

Seligman Novelty Co., List No. 12,537.			
J. Wallenstein	.25	H. Baumgarten	10
J. Eckholdt	10	Fred Suss	25
Miss E. Haag	10	H. Rederer	25
Miss Turpeon	10	Seligman Novelty Co.	1 00
Eli Pollack	10		
Frank Easton	10		
Fred Guess	25	Total	$2 70
Robt. Nolte	10		

Swift & Co., List No. 4577.			
G. A. Morrison	$1 00	F. Ranck	50
Edwin Freund	50	R. G. Torrance	50
A. L. Gordon	25	Frank Sud	25
F. Kaiser	50	R. E. Williams	25
C. Freigangel	50	J. Mueller	50
C. P. Metz	25	G. Holdmann	25
C. W. Peppernl	50	Chas. Meier	25
R. H. Dowling	50	J. Doering	25
T. K. Wiegert	25	Wm. Bauer	25
E. Werndle	25	A. Weddington	25
G. H. Woltf	50	L. Bender	25
E. Winter	25		
J. E. Bamberger	25	Total	$9 00

Xmas.

Eleme Chocolates and Bon Bons: best in the world: lb., 40c and 50c. Eleme, 117 N. 7th st., between Pine and Chestnut.

Seneca and S. C. Taylor, List No. 10,093.			
S. N. Taylor	$5 00	Cash	25
W. Roth	25	E. E. Britney	25
J. D. Rippey	25	T. Hunt	25
F. B. Ewing	25		
W. H. Morley	25	Total	$7 25
Miss M. Smith	50		

List No. 11,945.			
Cash	$1 00	Cash	1 00
Cash	1 00	Cash	50
Cash	10	Cash	25
Cash	25		
Cash	25	Total	$4 35

BUY HIS XMAS GIFT

At Diel's, Ninth and Olive. A complete line of men's furnishings, 10c to $10.

Interstate Med. H. Co., List No. 12,881.			
O. F. Ball	$1 00	Cash	10
E. M. Gordon	1 00	Cash	10
F. Skrsinka	1 00	Cash	10
A. Beurd	1 00		
Cash	50	Total	$4 80

Employes of L. Feldmann Jr., Multiplex Display Fixture Co., List No. 4350.			
W. E. Lapping	25	C. S.	15
W. Bates	25	H. B.	25
L. F.	25	G. W.	25
E. C.	25	J. Feldmann	2 00
E. B.	10		
Wm. O.	10	Total	$3 85

Contract Dept., Bell Telephone Co. of Mo., List No. 10,500.			
O. B. F.	$ 10	Miss L. Meyer	10
E. O. Welnge	10	C. Brannoth	10
H. N. Shaplin	10	E. Brannoth	10
L. Cecil	10	R. Shea	10
Lea	10	S. Dryer	10
F. M. Dunn	10	I. McConnell	10
M. Hodson	10	Nellie Davis	10
A. Voss	10	Edith Newton	10
C. Francis	10	Gert. Selvorak	10
E. H. Wheeler	10	Edna Stanton	10
J. O. Finke	10	F. R. Ridgely	10
K.	10	Edw. F. Carter	10
Miss Mary T. McSkimming	10	H. G. Hatfield	10
H. H. R.	10	M. C. Morsdock	10
M. A. Haehle	10	C. V. Mahoney	10
W. S. Johnson	10	Hazel E. Lips	10
C. H. Rocsos	10	A. F. Eyermann	10
M. Lenast	10	H. S. Shapiro	10
L. Farnik	10	J. H.	10
Jany Rowe	10	Total	$4 00
R. N. Nutter	10		

Reliable Livery Service.

Keyes & Marshall Bros. Livery Co., 17 phones.

St. Louis Furniture Workers' Association, List No. 137.			
H. C. Meyer	$1 00	C. Heitaman	25
Louis Schrader	25	L. C. Stifel	25
Geo. Smith	50	F. Koboldt	25
W. Kauschnite	50	Henry Frey	10
Wm. Hahn	25	G. Fabrat	10
Phillip Stein	10	Gus Koboldt	25
Fred. Kanstem	25	C. Kulp	10
A. Schneider	25	Albert Uhrle	10
Aug. F. Kirst	10	Gus Kulp	25
Fred Wagner	10	L. Lausina	10
O. Rotermund	25	J. Kramer	25
J. Bartel	25	Engelmann	10
H. Schloman	25	H. Hoenerhoff	10
O. Blache	10	Jos. Arnold	10
Frank Ottle	25	J. Schneider	10
F. Lingeman	25	L. Sellemann	10
Frank Schutz	25	G. Spengemann	25
W. Zimmam	25	H. J. Meyer	25
W. Funke	25	A. Bisping	10
Leo Voss	25	Hugo Meyer	10
H. Koboldt	25	J. Schepermann	25
W. Voss	25	Aug. Dietz	25
J. Herman	25	Henry Pieper	25
J. Dougherty	25	Heney	25
Gustav Boch	25		
R. Schake	25	Total	$12 50
Hy. Schake	25		

Open Evenings Until 9 O'Clock. JACCARD'S, Broadway and Locust.

Circulation Department, List No. 9546.			
J. E. Braun	$ 50	O. H. F.	50
H. Wienecke	25	Nora Seidl	25
Cash	1 00	K. B. Eagan	10
Cash	25	Cash	50
Cash	25	Cash	50
J. Brown	25	G. Cramer	25
D. C. Duth	50	Cash	10
Goodman	25	Harry K.	10
J. E. Mannor	25	A. E. Hoffman	50
F. W. Cooper	50	Barrett	25
G. W. Clay	25	Weber	25
J. Cowley	25	E. Hoffman	25
R. H. Truston	25	John Kuettner	10
Cleome Moore	25	Erny Hofmann	10
Cash	50	Bennie	10
Knight	10	Bender	20
Cash	10		
J. Keller	25	Total	$10 75

Star Engraving Co., List No. 4303.			
J. H. Jennemann	$1 00	R. F. M.	10
N. N.	10	M. J. W.	1 00
H. H.	10		
C. F.	10	Total	$2 50

CAR TICKETS WILL BE HONORED EARLIER THAN IS ADVERTISED

THROUGH a mistake the street car tickets attached to the tickets to the festival and dinner at the Coliseum on Christmas day read "Good only from 12 m. until 6 p. m." President McCulloch of the United Railways has sent out instructions to the conductors that the tickets will be honored on the cars at an early hour, in order to give the guests plenty of time to get to the Coliseum by 11 a. m.

Manicure and Scissors Sets, Special Hair Brushes for ladies at Koken's, 915 Market street.

Open Evenings Till Xmas

GRAND-LEADER

Stix, Baer & Fuller Dry Goods Co.

$1.50 to $2 Fancy Slippers, 98c Pair

THESE Slippers were bought for the holiday trade and must be sold before Christmas. In order to accomplish this end, we have priced all $1.50 and up to $2.00 qualities at **98c** a pair. Included are Women's Felt Juliets, Felt Comfy Slippers, fine silk-finish Crochet Slippers, Bath Slippers made of silk velvet with quilted soles; **on sale Thursday in the Slipper Booth near west elevators;** $1.50 to $2.00 qualities, at **98c.** *(Main Floor.)*

Misses' Apparel Reduced

Very Finest Garments Involved in This Sale

Misses' $18.00 and $20.00 Coats, $9.95

WHEN you see these garments you will agree with us that they are remarkable values; Coats of broadcloth, covert and rough materials; also novelty Coats; in black, navy, red, green, tan and fancy materials; finely tailored garments; lined with finest satin; $18.00 and $20.00 values, **$9.95.**

Girls' $8.50 and $10 Coats, $4.95

EVERY Coat in the lot is worth double the price we ask; made up of almost every kind of material—chinchilla, kersey, broadcloth, plush, caracul and fancy materials; in a great variety of styles, from the perfectly plain-tailored to the elaborately trimmed coat, with self or velvet collar and cuffs; new style pockets; single or double-breasted style; every imaginable color is represented; all high-class garments; sizes 6 to 14 years; $8.50 and $10 values, **$4.95.**

Misses' $13.00 to $18.50 Suits, $6.95

THESE are the greatest values we have offered for many a day, and we do not expect them to last long at the price we name; they are all this season's newest styles for the miss 14 to 18 years of age, and for small women up to 36 bust measure; Suits of broadcloth, serge and fancy material; strictly tailored models, in all the new styles and colors; $15.00 to $18.50 values, **$6.95.**

Dix's House Dresses and Dressing Sacques

H. A. Dix & Sons, one of the largest and best manufacturers of dressing sacques and house dresses in the country, have discontinued making dressing sacques, and we purchased the entire stock at a remarkable price concession, and will be placed on sale Thursday, in the **Basement.**

$1.00 Dressing Sacques, 69c

JUST about twenty-five dozen beautiful Dressing Sacques, made of splendid quality duckling fleece and heavy German flannelette, in a great variety of styles and patterns; high collar; belted back; turndown collar and loose back; faced with border of solid color satin; turnback cuffs, etc.; come in floral, scroll and Persian designs, in light blue, navy, china blue, gray, pink, lavender and red; all sizes from 34 to 46; actual $1.00 values; choice at **69c.**

75c Dressing Sacques, 49c

A LOT of 50 dozen Dressing Sacques, made of fine quality flannelette and fleece-lined materials, made up in a great variety of styles; with or without peplum; some belted, others loose; high or turndown collar; trimmed with ribbon, plaits, tucks, etc.; come in black and white, navy blue and white polka dots, floral, scroll and Persian designs, in light and dark blue, gray, lavender, red, pink and tan; all sizes; actual 75c values, at **49c.**

$1.50 House Dresses, 98c

IN this group are 25 dozen House Dresses, made of splendid quality percale, in black and white shepherd checks, stripes, dots and fancy figures, also navy and china blue, gray and black stripes and fancy figures; deep flounce, finished with tucks, etc.; all sizes from 34 to 44; actual $1.25 and $1.50 values, for **98c.** *(Basement.)*

Note—Beginning Tonight Store Open Evenings Until Xmas

Dining Room will also be open evenings	Glove Bonds help to solve gift problems.	Merchandise Certificates are issued at Postoffice.	Unexcelled service during the remaining days.

STIX, BAER & FULLER D. G. CO GRAND-LEADER

Great Price Reductions on Toys, Dolls, Etc.

Quantities on the Following Items Are Limited—Early Shopping Is Advisable. Savings of ¼ and ⅓ May Be Effected on Many Lines.

Morris Chairs Reduced

$5.50 Morris Chair for $3.90
$4.39 Morris Chair for $3.19
$3.95 Morris Chair for $2.90
$3.50 Morris Chair for $2.50
$1.50 Morris Chair for 90c

Shooting Galleries Reduced

$2.25 Shooting Galleries, $1.85
$1.00 Shooting Galleries, 80c

Iron Toys Reduced

Including Hook and Ladders, Fire Engines, Patrols, etc.

$2.98 Iron Toys for **$2.35**
$2.75 Iron Toys for **$2.15**
$2.59 Iron Toys for **$1.95**
$2.25 Iron Toys for **$1.75**
$1.98 Iron Toys for **$1.60**
$1.25 Iron Toys for **95c.**

Dressed Dolls Reduced

$5.00 Dressed Dolls now **$3.75**
$4.50 Dressed Dolls now **$3.40**
$4.00 Dressed Dolls now **$3.00**
$3.50 Dressed Dolls now **$2.60**
$3.00 Dressed Dolls now **$2.25**
$2.50 Dressed Dolls now **$1.90**
$2.00 Dressed Dolls now **$1.50**

English Go-Carts Reduced

$4.75 English Go-Cart, **$3.80**
$4.25 English Go-Cart, **$3.50**
$5.00 English Go-Cart, **$4.25**
$7.00 English Go-Cart, **$5.50**
$8.50 Go-Cart, special, **$6.25**
$10.00 Go-Cart, special, **$7.75**
$11.00 Go-Cart, special, **$8.50**

Humpty Dumpty Circuses Reduced

$9.98 values now **$7.50**
$5.98 values now **$4.50**
$3.50 values now **$2.75**
$4.75 values now **$3.50**
$2.25 values now **$1.80**

Iron and Steel Trains Reduced

50c Iron and Steel Trains, **35c**
$1.00 Iron and Steel Trains, **75c**
$1.50 Iron and Steel Trains, **$1.20**
$2.00 Iron and Steel Trains, **$1.60**
$2.25 Iron and Steel Trains, **$1.75**

Shoo Flys Reduced

69c Shoo Flys reduced to **50c**
$1.19 Shoo Flys reduced to **90c**
$1.69 Shoo Flys reduced to **$1.25**
$3.00 Shoo Flys reduced to **$2.25**
$6.00 Shoo Flys reduced to **$4.00**

Desks Reduced

$10.98 Desks now **$6.50**
$8.50 Desks now **$5.75**
$6.75 Desks now **$3.90**
$5.75 Desks now **$3.50**
$1.98 Desks now **$1.25**

Extra Special! Collapsible Go-Cart, 75c

WE have just 150 pieces of all-steel Collapsible Go-Carts; folds with one motion; sells regularly at $1.00; while they last, **75c.**

Rocking Chairs Reduced

$2.25 Rocking Chair, **$1.65**
$1.98 Rocking Chair, **$1.50**
$1.50 Rocking Chair, **$1.19**
$1.25 Rocking Chair, **95c**
95c Rocking Chair, **70c**

¼ Off on White Furniture

Your choice of any White Enameled Furniture, including Dressers, Bureaus, China Closets, Chiffoniers, Sideboards, etc., at one-fourth less than marked price. *(Fifth Floor.)*

Steam Engines

A discount of 25 per cent on all Steam Toys in stock costing **$2.00** and up.

Extra Special! $2.00 Jointed Doll $1.25

Just received 48 dozen of these Dolls that should have arrived six weeks ago; 23 inches tall; full ball jointed papier mache body; with parted curly hair wig; shoes and stockings; moving eyes, with eyelashes; while they last, **$1.25.**

Exceptional Offerings for Thursday in the China Store

50c Sugar and Cream Set, 33c

SUGAR and Cream Set of fine china; decorated; five different styles; regular price 50c, special for Thursday morning, per set, **33c.**

Solid Brass Fern Dish, similar to illustration; 7 inches in diameter, with metal lining; special for Thursday, **$1.25.**

Solid Brass Smoking Set, 30 inches high; lacquered; combination match holder, cigar rests and ash receiver; special for Thursday only, **$1.00.**

Novelty Cow Cream Pitcher; black, brown and delft; reduced as follows:

50c value for **35c**
25c value for **17c**
19c value for **12c**
10c value for **7c**

Chandelier; consisting of metal Candlestick, gold or silver finish, white metal Cuirass; linings all colors; Shade Holder and Candle priced for Thursday, **50c.**

50c Salad Bowl, 29c

SALAD Bowl of imported china; tinted rose center; gold traced; regular price 50c; on special sale Thursday from 8 to 12 o'clock, **29c.**

Seven-piece Nut Set (as illustrated); of Japanese China; two pretty decorations; complete set of seven pieces Thursday, at the special price of **95c.**

Oatmeal Sets for the Baby, of decorated china, reduced as follows:

50c and 75c values for **39c.**
25c values reduced to **15c.**

$1.50 Cranberry Set, $1.00

SEVEN-PIECE Cranberry Set, of Austrian china; beautiful assortment of fruit designs; gold lined; regular price $1.50; special, at **$1.00.**

Game or Wall Plaque (as illustrated); of imported china, 12-inch size; regular price $1.50, special for Thursday, **95c.**

Hat Pin Holder of Japanese china; four different decorations; regular price 19c, special for Thursday, **10c.**

Seven-piece Cranberry Set; large rose decoration; worth 59c, special for Thursday, **39c.**

Cracker Jars of China; beautifully tinted and decorated; regular 95c value, for Thursday, **50c.**

Jumbo Cup and Saucers; of English semi-porcelain; underglazed decoration; blue, green and pink; regular price 39c; Cup and Saucers for **25c.**

Christmas Candies in Great Abundance—at Grand-Leader

AT this time it is appropriate that we call your attention to the immense quantities of Christmas Candies on our Main Floor. It is hardly necessary for us to emphasize the fact that our candies at all times are the very essence of purity. Being made in our own factory and under our own personal supervision, we know what ingredients they are made of.

GRAND-LEADER CHOCOLATES

This assortment of Chocolates consists of 16 different flavors, with fruit, cream and nut centers, a special Holiday offering, packed in 1 to 5-pound boxes, at, per pound, **30c.**

BEST QUALITY MIXED CANDY.

This assortment comprises all of our delicious Candies, including fruits, cream and nut bon-bons, and a goodly portion of dipped fruits, nuts and cream chocolates, put up in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-pound boxes, at, per pound, **60c.**

MIXED CHOCOLATES.

Our Mixed Chocolates include an assortment of all favorite dipped chocolates, cream centers and nut varieties, put up in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-pound boxes, at, per pound, **60c**

SALTED NUTS.

Salted Almonds, per pound, **75c.**
Salted Pecans, per pound, **75c.**
Salted Walnuts, per pound, **75c.**
Salted Filberts, per pound, **75c.**
Salted Assorted Nuts, pound, **75c.**
Salted Pistachio, per pound, **75c.**
Salted Peanuts, per pound, **20c.**

Candy Canes, **5c** and up. Candy Beads; yd. **5c**; 3 yds. **10c.**
An immense assortment of Fancy Boxes and Baskets to be filled with candy.

Our Special Three-Pound Xmas Box, $1.00

This is a Special Holiday Box, comprising an assortment of bon-bons, chocolates, caramels, nougat and glace pineapple and cherries put up in a beautiful box, at, per box of 3 pounds for, **$1.00.**

BUTTER CUPS.

A delightful satin finish confection, filled with nuts, in assorted flavors and colors, put up in 1 to 5-pound boxes, per pound, **30c.**

ASSORTED NUT BARS.

These Nut Bars are made in our own factory, and we guarantee them to be absolutely pure and wholesome; they are packed in 1 to 5-pound boxes. Your choice of the following:

Peanut, per pound, **40c.**
Pecan, per pound, **40c.**
Filbert, per pound, **40c.**
Cocoanut, per pound, **40c.**

GRAND-LEADER MIXED CANDY

A large variety of Chocolate Bon-Bons, Caramels, etc., packed in 1 to 5-pound boxes, special Holiday offering, at, per pound, **30c.**

OLD-FASHIONED CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

These are the old-fashioned Chocolate Creams, with delicious centers of all flavors including nut creams dipped in bitter sweet chocolate, put up in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-pound boxes, at, per lb. **40c.**

OLD-FASHIONED TAFFY CANDY.

The old-time home-made Taffy Candy, packed in 1 to 5-pound boxes. We offer your choice of the following:

Molasses Taffy, per pound, **25c.**
Strawberry Taffy, per pound, **25c.**
Cream Taffy, per pound, **25c.**
Chocolate Taffy, per pound, **25c.**

Our Caramels are pure and delicious, one of the very best confections on the market, and are packed in assorted flavors, in ½ to 5-pound boxes, pound, **30c.**

ASSORTED FRUITS.

Our Assorted Fruits are guaranteed to be of the very best quality, and very appropriate to serve at the Xmas dinner. The assortment comprises cherries, apricot, pineapple, stuffed dates and other glace fruits and nuts, put up in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5-pound boxes, at, per pound, **80c.**

STICK CANDY.

Our Stick Candy is absolutely pure, being made of the very best confections and comes in 8 different fruit and spice flavors, packed in 1 to 10-pound boxes and up to 20-pound pails, at, per lb. **20c.**

ASSORTED NUT BRITTLES.

We offer your choice of assorted Nut Brittles, packed in 1 to 5-pound boxes:

Cocoanut Brittle, per pound, **25c.**
Peanut Brittle, per pound, **25c.**
Yum Yum Brittle, per pound, **25c.**

MISCELLANEOUS ASSORTMENT.

Fruit Lakoon Paste, pound, **30c.**
Boston Baked Beans, pound, **25c.**
Cream Almonds, per pound, **30c.**
Cream Filberts, per pound, **25c.**
Jelly Beans, per pound, **25c.**

Furniture Appropriate for Holiday Gifts

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LACLEDE COMPANY CONSIDERS PIPING GAS FROM CADDO FIELD

Executive Committee Returns From an Inspection Trip in Northern Louisiana.

Members of the executive committee of the Laclede Gas Light Co. have returned from an inspection trip to the Caddo natural gas fields in Northern Louisiana.

Two applications for franchises are pending in the Municipal Assembly. If the franchises are granted there may be great rivalry between the Laclede company and the new companies to get their pipe lines first into St. Louis.

The distance from St. Louis to the Caddo fields is 500 miles, and the cost of laying an adequate pipe line, it is said, would be about $2,000,000. Experts are at work to determine whether it would be profitable to make such a large investment.

Officials of the Laclede company are said to have estimated that St. Louis would consume 150,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas a day if it is offered at a price to compete with coal. If gas is piped here the price will be something less than 50 cents a thousand cubic feet—probably 45 cents. The consumption of 150,000,000 cubic feet a day at 45 cents would bring a gross income of $67,500 a day, while the Laclede's gross income from the sale of artificial gas is less than $10,000 a day.

The members of the Laclede executive committee who inspected the fields were Thomas H. West, W. K. Bixby and G. H. Walker. C. L. Holman, vice-president of the company, was also a member of the party. Others who made the trip were August A. Busch, E. H. Everett, L. E. Dennig, Walker Hill, Harry B. Hawes, J. C. McDowell of Pittsburg and James Stewart, the contractor. The trip was made in private cars furnished by Mr. Busch.

THIEF SNATCHES WOMAN'S PURSE

Companion, a "Detective," Permits Robber to Escape.

A thief snatched the purse of Mrs. Louisa Cummins at Twelfth street, between Carr and Biddle streets, Tuesday night and escaped. A man supposed to be a companion of the thief detained Mrs. Cummins and her daughter Mabel, who accompanied her, until the purse snatcher had time to get away.

The thief jumped from the shadow of a building when the women approached and grabbed the purse containing $10.15. When Mrs. Cummins screamed a man came up and said he was a detective and asked her to tell him about the robbery. He left her after a few minutes and Mrs. Cummins reported the matter to the police. Mrs. Cummins lives at 1602A Knapp street.

Society

A PLAY of three acts, entitled "Up Caesar's Creek," will be presented by the pupils of the Primary and intermediate departments of Smith Academy at the Academy Hall, Von Versen avenue and Windemere Way, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Mandolin Club will give a program of music.

The synopsis of the play follows:
Act 1—The Shanty. "I hope they'll have a good time up Caesar's Creek."
Act 2—The Camp. "I want to go home to mother."
Act. 3—The Boy's Entertainment in Camp.

The cast is as follows:
John Middleton, the leader of the Caesar's Creek crowd.....D. F. Houston Jr
Archer, John's Rival.....Wm. G. Shelton
Dick de Smithe, the visitor from the city.....Gustave Henry Pauk
Beaner Hamilton, fond of hunting.....Frank H. Hamilton Jr
Stuffy, the scrapper who likes fishing.....Asa Brookings Wallace
Reddy Burrowes, loyal to John at all times.....William King Gardner
Toby Fisher, who envies the city boys.....Edward May Stanley
Chums—Batty.....Donaldson L. Lambert
Rusty.....Frederick C. Shipley
Jimmy, who loves ice cream..T. H. West III
Happy, who neither works nor worries.....Joseph Glaser Jr
Spider Kelley, the harmonica enthusiast.....Theodore Logeman
"Daffy Dan," a wandering minstrel.....Kenneth H. Bitting
Chums—Tom Merton.....Herbert S. Wolff
Harry Sandford.....Whitelaw Terry

Musical program of act third:
Chorus, "My Dream of the U. S. A." the boys of the camp.
Solo and chorus, "My Own United States," Albert Bond Lambert Jr.
Violin solo, medly of patriotic airs, Theodore Victor Logeman.
Duet and chorus, "The Soldier and the Red Cross Maid," soldier, F. H. Hamilton Jr.; Red Cross Maid, E. M. Stanley.

In the chorus will be: Soldiers, Kenneth Weaver Vogel, Martin Lammert III., Mahlon Brookings Wallace Jr., Albert Bond Lambert Jr., Walter William Scott, Wallace Herndon Smith, Winfield Scott Jr. Maids, Millard Robert Vogel, Herbert Morgan Frothingham, Robert Brookings Smith, Albert Leach Robinson, Warren Lammert, William McMillan Lewis, Robert Snyder Maxwell.

The wedding of Miss Reba Cole and Charles Mathews Morton will take place at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lindell boulevard and Spring avenue. Miss Cole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amadee B. Cole of 3705 Lindell boulevard. After the church service there will be a large reception at the Cole home. Miss Cole made her debut at the Veiled Prophet's ball, in October. She will have as her maid of honor Miss Lucy Norvell. The bridemaids will be Misses Gladys Beach, Julia Rogers, Eleanor Delano, Dorothy Reid. On account of the recent death of Capt. Isaac Mason, Miss Alby Mason, who was to have been one of the bridemaids, will not serve. Mr. Morton and his bride will go for a Southern honeymoon journey, and will make their home in St. Louis.

New designs in gentlemen's solid silver vest-pocket card cases, $5 to $12, at Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

Miss Isabel Benedict and Miss Carol Miller will arrive from Dobbs Ferry this week to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Margaret Shapleigh will be given a dancing party on Christmas evening by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John B. Shapleigh.

Mrs. William D'Oench has as her guest Mrs. James Britton Gantt of Jefferson City.

The marriage of Miss Eloise Bernd and Adolph McAllister Isaacs of Macon, Ga., took place Wednesday at noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernd of 4225 McPherson avenue. Rabbi Samuel Sale performed the service. After Jan. 1 Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs will be at home in Macon, Ga. No one but relatives and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony and there was no reception.

Miss Helen Bolland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bolland, will arrive Wednesday evening from New York, where she has been attending school since September. Miss Bolland will spend the holiday season with her parents at the Windemere Hotel.

Handsome hand-carved solid silver photo frames for gifts, $1.25 to $85, at Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

The St. Louis Woman's Club will give a reception on New Year's day, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Safron of 1012 North Sixteenth street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cecilia, to Sol. Weisman. The wedding has been set for April.

A luncheon was given by Miss Zenobia Corryne Long, at her home, 3649 Humphrey street, when she announced the engagement of her friend, Miss Marguerlete V. Cronin, to Thomas L. Ryan. The wedding will take place in January.

Miss Julia McCall of 4214 Maryland avenue will give a luncheon in honor of Miss Helen Bolland on Dec. 29.

FURS FOR XMAS GIFTS

Handsome, stylish Furs, $1.50 to $500. Sam Kessler, n. w. cor. 7th and Locust.

HIGH COURT UPHOLDS RECEIVER

The Supreme Court has decided that former Judge Robert M. Foster exceeded his authority in ordering a dissolution of the Donnell Manufacturing Co., appointing a receiver for it, and ordering John W. Donnell, its president, to pay to the receiver $61,654. Stockholders of the company filed suit for a receiver, and Judge Foster appointed John H. Holliday to wind up the company's affairs. The Donnell company's troubles grew out of suits filed by its agents to recover $1000 deposits, and a fraud order issued against it by the Postoffice Department.

Is "Shirt and Collar" Correct?
Phone Monarch Laundry for "Famous Flexible Finish." Then shirts and collars ARE correct. Both phones.

Isaac M. Mason Memorialized.

Resolutions of regret and condolence on the death of Capt. Isaac M. Mason have been passed by the Pennsylvania Society, of which he was treasurer. The resolutions were formulated by E. H. Tinsman, Jacob D. von Maur and James C. Travilla.

Girl of 5 Attempts Suicide.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 22.—Reproved for taking 50 cents from her mother's purse and buying a doll, Frances L. Hodge, a girl of eight years, tried to hang herself and came near succeeding.

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5.00 Fur Sets, 2.50
All our 5.00 Fur Sets, in black or brown Coney; large pillow muff; scarf satin lined; in this sale..... 2.50

All our 20.00 genuine Red Fox Sets, with rug muff; satin lining; large head and tail; in this sale..... 13.50

All our 18.00 Black-Pointed Fox Sets, with large rug muff; shirred satin lining; shawl collar with head and tails; in this sale..... 12.98

$18 Coats, 12.85
All our 18.00 Tan Covert Cloth Coats, with semi-fitted back, side pleats; black velvet trimming; in this sale..... 12.85

All our 22.50 Black Caracul Coats, with quilted lining; large shawl collar; in this sale..... 14.95

$12 SATIN-LINED COATS, $5
All our Ladies' 12.00 Black Cloth Coats; satin lined throughout; handsomely embroidered, trimmed with inlaid velvet and satin; in this sale..... 5.00

Ladies! Look at these $10 Military Capes for 5.00
All the craze! Selling for 10.00 everywhere! The Globe has 500 of them, tomorrow, in solid colors; some with pretty colored facing; high standing collar; gold braid and brass buttons; which are yours tomorrow for..... 5.00

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French Kid—2 clasps, all colors; same as other stores sell at 1.00; our price only... 89c
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Finest French Kid; 2 clasps, all colors; fitted to the hand; 1.50 values, only. 1.10
Kayser's Double Silk Gloves; black and tan; per pair..... 75c and 1.00
Kayser's Silk Lined Cashmere Gloves; black, gray, brown and navy; only... 50c

Christmas Umbrellas
Men's and Women's American taffeta, natural and fancy gold handles..... 1.49 and 98c
Men's Taffeta Umbrellas; beautiful fancy handles; 3.00 values..... 1.98
Women's Silk Taffeta, with handsome gold and pearl handles; $5 values at..... 2.98
Men's and Women's Taffeta Silk, with Sterling silver, gold, horn or ivory handles at..... 4.98 and 3.98
Children's Umbrellas, with silver "Billiken" handles, only... 75c

Men's 4.00 Jersey Coats 2.59
Men's All-Wool Jersey Coats, made with felled seams, tailor-made collar, blue or black; double-breasted; positively 4.00 quality; sale price..... 2.59

Men's 1.00 Sweater Coats 59c
Men's extra heavy Gray Sweater Coats, with red or blue border; regular 1.00 quality; sale price..... 59c

Men's 50c Underwear 38c
Men's heavy Fleece-Lined or Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers; all sizes; worth 50c a garment; sale price..... 38c

Men's 75c House Slippers, in Velvet and Imitation Alligator, all sizes... 45c
Men's 1.50 Everett House Slippers, in tan and black; hand-turn soles; all sizes.... 98c
Men's 2.00 Slippers, in tan and black; Opera and Everett styles; all sizes... 1.45
Ladies' 1.25 fleece-lined Juliets; fur trimmed; all sizes..... 75c

All Our Boy's 1.50 $1 Overcoats in this sale,
All of our Boys' 4.00 Juvenile Overcoats; in this sale..... 2.50
All of our Boys' 2.50 Knickerbocker Suits; in this sale..... 1.50
All of our Boys' 4.00 Knickerbocker Suits; in this sale..... 3.00
All of our Boys' 7.00 Knickerbocker Suits; in this sale..... 4.00

All Our Men's Heavy Melton Reefers that were 5.00, all sizes, now at 2.50
All our Men's and Young Men's 10.00 black and blue kersey Overcoats, in this sale..... $5
All of our Men's and Young Men's 8.50 and 10.00 Worsted and Cassimere Suits; in this sale..... $5
8.50 Young Men's Cravenette Coats; sizes 16 to 20..... 5.00
All of our Men's and Young Men's 13.50 Worsted and Cheviot Suits and Overcoats; in this sale..... 7.00
All of our Men's and Young Men's 17.50 Pure Worsted and Scotch Cheviot Suits and Overcoats; in this sale... 9.00
All of our Men's and Young Men's 20.00 high-grade Worsted Suits and Overcoats; in this sale..... 11.00

BIG REDUCTIONS ON SMOKING JACKETS
All our 6.50 Smoking Jackets..... 4.00
All our 8.00 Smoking Jackets..... 5.00
All our 10.00 Smoking Jackets..... 7.00

Turkish Bath Robes
All that were 4.00, now..... 2.50

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Men's 75c Fancy Suspenders; placed in individual boxes; sale price..... 39c
Men's 1.50 Silk Mufflers, in the reefer style; white, black and gray; sale price..... 75c
Men's 75c Fancy Silk Knit Four-in-Hands, also solid colors; placed one in a box; sale price..... 50c
Men's 1.50 Dress Kid Gloves; placed one pair in a nice, fancy box; sale price.... 1.15
Men's 50c Holiday Neckwear, in the new shape four-in-hands; all the latest colorings; one in a box; sale price... 39c
Men's Half Hose, in all colors; a useful Holiday gift; 6 pairs guaranteed to wear 6 months; placed in a nice fancy box; per box.... 1.50

SUIT CASES AND TRUNKS
All our 1.50 Suit Cases..... 75c
All our 2.00 Suit Cases..... 1.19
All our 4.00 Leather Suit Cases..... 2.90
Others up to 7.00
All our 7.50 Trunks..... 5.00

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$75.00 Parlor Cabinet.....$59.00

PARLOR PIECES
$150.00 Hand-Carved Suit.....$95.00
$135.00 Colonial Sofa and Arm.....$98.00
$135.00 3-piece Suit.....$90.00
$125.00 3-piece Silk Plush.....$78.00
$125.00 Library Suit, Velvet.....$98.00
$85.00 2-piece Suit.....$50.00
$55.00 Colonial Suit.....$32.00

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$40.00 3-piece Suit, Silk.....$28.75
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DANISH PAPERS TELL HOW COOK DECEIVED THEM

They Say Their Only Mistake Was in Taking His Word as Gentleman's.

EXPLORERS TAKEN IN

They Are Glad That Dishonored University Told World of Its Mistake.

By Associated Press.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—The morning papers generally find comfort for the Cook affair in the thought that the only fault that may be charged against the Danes is that they accepted the explorer's word as that of a gentleman.

The Politiken says:

"Frankly, we regret only that an honorary degree was bestowed upon this man by the University of Copenhagen. But one member of the university council advised against the action taken."

The Koebenhavn says:

"Cook's abasing of our university is his greatest shame. Fortunately the university itself tells the world of its mistake."

Other papers recall that all the Scandinavian explorers who were acquainted with Cook, supported him, and insist that under the circumstances any other city would have given the explorer a similar reception. They intimate that at the time other cities envied Copenhagen its opportunity to first welcome and honor him.

Loose's Figures Not Considered.

Commodore Gustav Holm, a member of the university committee that examined the Cook North Pole data, is authority for the statement that the bogus statistics compiled by Capt. Loose for Cook were not a part of the stuff submitted to the university. It is announced that the university decision was made absolutely irrespective of the Loose-Dunkle statements, which the university considered beneath notice.

Inquiry as to whether the committee would undertake a further examination in the event of Cook's sending for the instruments and observations alleged to be at Etah, developed that a majority of the members were not disposed to waste any more time in the matter. It is possible that a more detailed report of the investigation may yet be made.

RASMUSSEN CALLS COOK'S PAPERS IMPUDENT

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.

KNUD RASMUSSEN said today: "The university would not call me at first because I was one of Dr. Cook's strongest supporters. Later, however, I was invited to the investigation, and when I saw the observations, I realized it was a scandal.

"My confidence in Cook had been based on personal impressions, on reports that I had received and also on the testimony of the Eskimos when they all said that he had made the trip from Cape Sparbo to Etah. Such a trip during the dark of winter would suffice to make a man famous. But the papers which Cook sent to Copenhagen University are most impudent. No schoolboy could make such calculations. It is a most childish attempt at cheating. Cook has killed himself by his own foolish acts."

CAPT. RAOLD AMUNDSEN said: "Nobody could feel more sorrow at the commission's crushing statement than myself, for I had learned to appreciate Cook as a devoted friend and an honest man.

"The important question now is whether he is a swindler or merely ignorant. I prefer to believe that Dr. Cook himself was confident that he had arrived at the North Pole. This must have been a fixed idea with him. If he was swindling, he must have changed his character in the last ten years."

NEW YORK PAPERS CONDEMN COOK IN STRONGEST TERMS

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Leading newspapers here, except the Herald, condemn Cook in the strongest terms. Following are extracts from leaders:

Press: The thought that any man of sound balance could project such a world-thrilling claim as Cook made, unless he believed it to be valid, is insupportable, even in the face of the fact that he capitalized it for commercial advantage.

In the season of peace and good will humanity will be disposed not to censure the victim of such a hallucination, but to sympathize with him, hurt in body and mind as he must be, as much with the afflicted poet who burst the bonds of reason the other day.

Impossible to Excuse Him.

American: It is impossible to excuse Frederick Cook or to cover his crime with charity. Flight establishes both consciousness and conscience. It robs the imposter of even the flimsy palliation of a disordered brain or a mental obsession.

The only possible basis for the claim of an unbalanced mind must rest in the self-evident folly of his falsehood.

Claim Is Not Proven.

Herald: * * * In other words the opinion of the university is that Dr. Cook's claims is not proven, which is not precisely the same thing as declaring that he did not reach the Pole, although some esteemed contemporaries hasten to give it that interpretation while others go still further and declare him to be a "fraud."

What a Magnificent Liar!

World: Since the publication of his own Munchausenisms the World has had no more faith in Cook than have his critics and denouncers; but we do not regret the kindlier course of refraining from calling him a liar in advance of an authoritative scientific decision. And what a magnificent liar he was!

Hailed by half the civilized world, welcomed by a king, greeted with an arch of triumph in his home city, mobbed by cheering thousands, he was indeed "one of the most audacious and memorable imposters in the annals of science."

Discredited by Running Away.

Sun: The truth is that Dr. Cook was thoroughly discredited before his papers were unsealed in solemn and uneasy conclave at Copenhagen. An honest man who believed in his case would not have run away. It was this scurrying of Dr. Cook into obscurity, upon the heels of challenges of his narrative by explorers and astronomers and after accusing affidavits by accomplices and parasites, that put the last damning touch to this credibility. * * *

As the first man at the North Pole Dr. Cook may have been an utter myth, but he had two months of sunshine and success as a bold and complacent imposter.

Apologies Due to Peary.

Times: * * * Nothing can ever make up to Commander Peary what this shameless swindler took from him. There is some reason to believe that the theft was calculated and planned, that the return of Cook to civilization was timed to forestall the expected announcement of Peary's discovery of the Pole. If that is true, it only adds to the infamy of the wretch.

Cook's impostures, of course, are past all palliation, but what reasonable excuse is there for those who joined in criticism and abuse of Peary because he treated the reprobate as he deserved? In the strong words Peary used in denouncing Cook there flamed up the righteous indignation of an honest man who had been robbed by a sneak thief.

The unwarranted and outrageous criticism visited upon Peary constitute one of the most unfortunate features of the controversy. The authors of them owe him an apology, profuse apologies, and they cannot be too promptly made.

COOK'S PROFITS ARE ESTIMATED AT $100,000

How much money Dr. Cook drew out of the public by his North Pole claims can be told only by himself and his managers, but it is certain that considerably more than $100,000 was spent by those who wanted to hear Cook tell just how he discovered the pole. His first important hit was when the business men of St. Louis decided to have him here in September. When Cook set his figure at $20,000 for two lectures, the committee thought it a little too high.

The doctor, whose business acumen is sharp, gradually cheapened until $14,000 was bid for him by St. Louis. Then he got a manager, a Mr. Gray, whose principal business has been in the theatrical line, and all offers were accepted, following the St. Louis opening.

But before that Cook had banked his pockets nicely. The New York Herald paid him $3000 for his first story, cabled on Sept. 1, about $1 a word. His next move was to advertise the manuscript of his book, which was to be an amplified edition of his first dispatch, about 130,000 words. Offers of nothing less than $250,000 would be even considered at first, but nothing came of it all, as Col. George Harvey of Harpers, who did think about publishing the work, decided some time ago that until Cook was in better odor with the scientists, he did not care to take over the book.

One Newspaper Pays $25,000.

So Cook sold his story to the Herald, which ran it in several installments, with a lot of pictures. Cook was paid $25,000 for that, making $28,000 he received from the Herald.

What John R. Bradley, Cook's backer, got out of the gate receipts, if anything, is unknown save to Cook and Bradley. But somebody spent money for Cook. He hired an expensive suite in the Waldorf and lived like a millionaire, though previous to his latest exploit he had been known as a very frugal and simple living man. He gave some thirty lectures all told, which netted him an average of $2500 each, it is estimated, though receipts in New York were very small. His greatest drawing power was in other cities.

Persons who claim to know, say that Cook took in over $150,000 altogether. His last known act in New York was to draw $4000 from the Carnegie Trust Co. Then he disappeared. It is also known that he redeemed a mortgage on his home in Brooklyn and he is reported to have paid many debts which he had incurred before starting for the "boreal center."

Bradley had financed him to the extent of almost $50,000, it was said, and much of Cook's earnings have gone, it is believed, to make good this money.

Dr. Cook was believed to be in Christiaan, Norway, three days ago. A cablegram was received from him there, it is said. A newspaper man who was in Dr. Cook's confidence and who traveled about the country with him while he was on his lecture tour asked him at that time what he would do if the scientists of the University of Copenhagen decided against him.

"I probably would spend the rest of my life in Greenland," replied Dr. Cook. "I like the Eskimos and I can do good work among them."

Cook's Picture to Be Taken Down.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—The picture of Dr. Cook, who recently took Pittsburg by storm, has been ordered from the walls of the Chamber of Commerce. There is talk of suing Cook for the alleged obtaining of admission fees to his lecture under false pretenses.

ALIENIST REJECTS THEORY THAT DR. COOK IS INSANE

DR. MARC RAY HUGHES, alienist, said to a Post-Dispatch reporter Wednesday that he was not ready to accept the theory that Dr. Cook, because of his exposure in the North, or for any other reason, was suffering from a lapse of mental powers.

"I do not accept the belief that Cook is an impostor," said Dr. Hughes, "for he spent a long time in the Arctic region, and might have reached the pole, or some approximate point. If his proof is called insufficient, let it be remembered that the public knows nothing about Peary's proofs. It is principally a matter of taking the explorer's word for it, after all.

"But, assuming that the public was wrong a little while ago and is right now, and that Cook is an impostor, that does not prove him insane. Men who commit frauds are not necessarily insane. If a man commits a fraud which is certain to be found out, and to be followed by punishment, one argues that his mind cannot be very strong. But in the case of a claim of polar discovery, where it is almost impossible to disprove the claim, and where there is the prospect of a big financial gain, and where no offense against the statutes is committed, there are plenty of explanations as good as insanity.

"I did not see Dr. Cook, but I have not been led by anything he said up to the time of his disappearance to think that he was mentally unsound."

FIALA SAYS INCIDENT WARNS EXPLORERS TO BE CAREFUL

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Anthony Fiala, the Arctic explorer, who has been one of Dr. Cook's warmest supporters, joined the chorus of unbelievers today. He says:

"It's incomprehensible and inconceivable. Dr. Cook made friends everywhere he went and his friends stood by him as long as they could. It is distressing to think that such an end should come to his career.

"There is one thing that this will do. It will make it necessary in the future for explorers to be extremely careful in their work. An explorer who wishes to be believed will do well to follow Peary's example and have skilled men as the heads of supporting parties.

"There is no question of Peary's having gone to the pole. His expedition was scientifically worked out and its results show that Peary knew what he was doing.

"The Cook fiasco will eventually result in great good to the cause of exploration. It will put an end to claptrap and theatrical performances and will set the business of exploration on a firm scientific basis."

Arctic Club to Vote on Cook.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Arctic Club of America, of which Dr. Cook is vice-president, is to hold a meeting tonight at the Engineers' Club in West Thirty-ninth street, and it will be a spirited one, for new officers are to be elected and Dr. Cook is up for re-election.

He has been a vice-president for three years and soon after he claimed to have discovered the North Pole there was talk in the club of making him president in place of Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, retired. That feeling has died out.

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Three Children Burn to Death.

DELAWARE, O., Dec. 22.—The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Williamson, Verner, aged 2; Grover, 4, and Mabel, 5 years, were burned to death in a fire at the home of their parents in the eastern part of the county last evening. The parents were absent.

Woman Near Death after Fall.

Miss Mary Hines, 40 years old, of 3724 Penrose street, fractured her skull when she fell while alighting from a moving Market street car at Fourteenth street Wednesday morning. She was taken home in an ambulance, where a physician said her recovery was doubtful.

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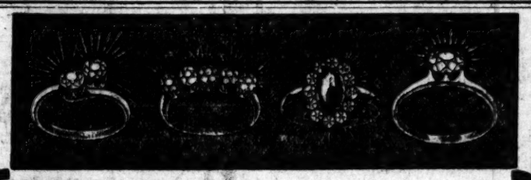

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INVESTIGATE BALLINGER BY ALL MEANS.

Secretary Ballinger may be confident of his ability to disprove what are termed the charges against him or of the inability of his accusers to prove them. He may even be so blind to the moral obligations of a public official that he considers the matter inconsequential in its legal aspects and important only as affecting his reputation for good citizenship. Whatever his view, he has shown the proper spirit in demanding an investigation by Congress. The President's expression of confidence in his integrity or his innocence is not sufficient.

Mr. Taft seems to have been surprised that his word for it was not taken by the people. There is no reason why it should have been. The people have come to understand that the President's judgment of one of his official family is not particularly valuable. Paul Morton can't be instantly forgotten. And Mr. Taft, while popular prejudice was originally toward his sense of fairness, has lost ground in this respect since he has been in office. His treatment of Glavis, the honesty of whose intentions has not been seriously questioned, did not bring Mr. Taft new praise for fairness. Glavis was not even allowed to tell his story. The Crane case was too summarily closed and there was a similar precipitancy in the other direction in patting Ballinger on the back and also Assistant Secretary Reynolds, who was mentioned in the sugar scandals about the time he was made a member of the President's Tariff Commission.

Concern for the future of the Republican party, as well as for conservation, legislation and appropriations, may have prompted a demand for the investigation, but a searching, public, frank inquiry is obviously the only way to silence the clamors of the opinionated, or remove the doubts of those who have withheld a verdict pending the appearance of accurate information. The Taft administration is in quite as great need of the investigation as Mr. Ballinger.

President McChesney will doubtless deny that his explanation of why it can't be done is to be rewritten as a musical comedy and put on at one of the gardens next summer, but he should consult the garden managers.

OUR EXCLUSIVE SET.

According to the Social Register marriage is not so popular in the exclusive set of St. Louis as in the past. And the exclusive sets of other cities show a much greater fondness for the holy estate of matrimony than appears in this city.

There were 93 marriages in 1909 as against 98 in 1908. Boston, with a smaller population, which, however, does not necessarily prove that she has fewer exclusive people, reports 144 and Washington 147.

St. Louis is too conservative. It is too hard to get into the exclusive set. There are probably 700,000 people, at the very least, in the inclusive set and vast numbers of these are struggling with might and main to push into the "charmed circle" and be exclusive. If the rules regulating admission are very strict or the initiation fee is very high the exclusive set will have the satisfaction of growing mellowly more exclusive, but there will be a plentiful lack of babies. That seems to be a sort of natural consequence of exclusiveness, anyhow. It is noticed that the most exclusive people tend to exclude babies as well as aspirants from the regions where the inclusive people inhabit.

The choice is not pleasant, but it must be made. It is fine to be exclusive. But when exclusiveness becomes isolation the mercury falls. In the exclusive world it is chilly at the warmest, and when the currents of warm human sympathy are cut off it grows cold indeed. Perhaps, all things considered, inclusiveness with its store of rich life and feeling is the better state. There are more brides and babies there per head of population.

Mr. Carnegie offers to buy peace for us in Central America, putting up $20,000,000 for the purpose. Probably if he were respectfully approached he might be induced to buy all the blessings for us. There is nothing that money won't buy, and surely he has enough of it.

A HERETIC AT LARGE.

Rabbi Harrison's theory that, to qualify for the trade of criticism the man must go frequently to the theater, study plays and learn all he can about the subject is contrary to the best and most widely approved opinion.

One of the old-time Edinburgh reviewers said he never read a book that he was called upon to review and criticise because it would be fatal to impartiality. His rule was to glance through the table of contents and the index and then go at it.

This may be called the golden rule of criticism. Don't become too familiar with the object of your criticism. It applies to all forms of art, literature, painting, scripture, the drama, etc. The less you know of it the more forcibly and eloquently you can praise or denounce a work of art.

The practical value of this rule lies in the fact that it saves authority and operates as a protection, for a time at least, against innovations which raise questions already settled. This is to play with fire, for when people ignore authority in one branch of human work they are sure to go on and ignore it in other branches. So we are exposed to innovation on all sides, and soon no man knows where he is at.

Rabbi Harrison is a heretic. The faggots should be brought in without delay.

Henry Brannen of Kingston, N. Y., was so stanch a Democrat that he made a dying request that no Republican have anything to do with his funeral, doubtless on the assumption that they had been active in the obsequy business during his life.

ABOLISH THE LOBBY.

The report that the retirement of Col. William H. Phelps from the legal department of the Missouri Pacific does not mean the abolition of the railroad lobby and a radical change of policy with regard to legislative influences, but merely a change of lobby management, is a grievous disappointment. The Post-Dispatch indulged the belief that the Missouri Pacific and other railroad managers had gained wisdom from the experience of past years in the matter of attempting to control legislation at Jefferson City through a professional lobby.

The railroad lobby at the State capital and in politics has been a heavy burden for the railroad corporations to bear. Its work and influence has been disastrous to the railroad interests. It has been the prolific cause of corruption and scandal. The lobby combine, composed of the lobbyists and their legislative and political tools has been responsible for practically all the villainy in the Legislature and in the party organizations. Having been formed for the purpose of corruptly influencing legislation, it has used its power for all the special interests which feared adverse legislation or wanted legislative favors. It has used its power for and against the interests which it was formed to promote. Although deriving its original support from the railroads, it has originated anti-railroad measures to prove the necessity of its existence and to fry out the fat. It has sandbagged and bled the railroads.

But the worst effect of the lobby has been its effect on public opinion. It has enraged the people and alienated powerful elements which would otherwise have defended the railroads from unjust legislation. Honest men, honest newspapers have found it difficult and dangerous to plead for justice to the railroads, because of the taint of the lobby. It has claimed all the supporters of the railroads as its tools. The abolition of the lobby would be an act of inestimable benefit to the railroads and the people of the State.

Boston will have a partyless election, but the campaignless election and the millenium will come hand in hand down the pike.

MOB LAW AND DIPLOMACY.

A few weeks ago a mob in Tennessee, raging to lynch a negro, was addressed by the Judge of the court to which the negro had been brought for trial. "Leave this man to the justice of the law," said the Judge. "He shall be promptly tried and the law vindicated." The mob leaders halted their followers and reflected a moment. Then they said to the Judge: "We will leave this negro to the Court for trial, provided you give us assurance he will be hanged without delay."

That grim story was received by the American people with something of a smile at the mob logic that agreed to let a man have a trial only upon assurance given beforehand that he should be hanged. Back of the smile, however, there was a sense of profound discontent that American courts and American law have to stop and compromise with such logic and injustice. With derision and with abhorrence, therefore, did the public pronounce judgment upon that story of lynch law, and condemn at once the violence of the mob and the weakness of the officers of the State.

That was a story of a mob. Consider now the story of diplomacy as it is being played out in Washington. A resolution submitted to the House of Representatives says: "The United States does hereby demand the arrest, trial and punishment of Zelaya by an impartial tribunal in Nicaragua for the willful murder of citizens of the United States."

What is the difference in logic or in justice between a demand that Zelaya shall be punished for murder by an "impartial tribunal," and the demand of lynchers that a judge give assurance beforehand that an impartial trial of an accused negro, should result in hanging him?

Far be it from us to imply that a House of Representatives submissive to Speaker Cannon is a mob; or that a diplomacy instituted and sustained by Secretary of State Knox is only a modified form of lynch law. All that we mean to show or to imply by bringing the two stories together in this way is that there is a notable similarity between the demands of lynch law and that of our diplomacy.

The Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is exclusively Republican in origin, in execution and in consequences. Republicans can doubtless investigate and settle it in a way that will do the party the most good or the least harm.

THE COOK VERDICT.

Either Dr. Cook reached the North Pole and can't prove it, or Dr. Cook didn't reach the North Pole. The result is the same in either case between him and the world of science. It is the assumption that he submitted to the Danish scientists the best evidence he had and the best evidence was found by men kindly inclined toward him to be no evidence at all. His admirers may explain that his proofs are still buried in the ice at Etah and his two Eskimo companions are beyond reach; but this is poor consolation.

The astonishing thing is that Dr. Cook's notebooks contain no original calculations or records of observations. As to his instruments, the story of their burial at Etah is the only proof that he had any. The evidence he presented is not only inadequate; it is farcical.

The conclusion is inevitable that as a faker Dr. Cook is a sad failure. But it is inconceivable that a man who had been a member of numerous exploring expeditions, who had been on familiar terms with scientists and had contributed to the sum of geographical knowledge, could be so blind to the uses of scientific instruments and so ignorant of the value of simple observations, such as any navigator makes, as not to have made the necessary observations and kept the necessary records. No man, bent on perpetrating a colossal fraud, could have been so slatternly about the evidence of his claimed achievement. It would have been quite the opposite. Sanely contemplating a deception, records mathematically perfect might have been strong evidence of their dishonesty. It is the ridiculous lack of evidence which surprises and permits us to take a charitable view of Cook.

He was so poor a faker that he becomes no faker at all. Mental irresponsibility has been suggested. This would not be surprising. There is no doubt he underwent mind-wrecking hardships. Peary's trip was a pleasant excursion in comparison. The influence of the frozen wastes on the human mind is well known. A hundred explorers have testified to it. The Eskimos are subject to aberrations. They call it the "crazy sickness." In Alaska it is called "Arctic lunacy."

The case must stand where the Danes have left it—"not proved." The laurels are Peary's and his was the real tragedy. For, in failing to win himself, Dr. Cook succeeded in robbing Peary of the first fruits of his glory.

Judge Lurton is now Justice Lurton. Mr. Roosevelt once declined to consider Lurton for the Supreme bench. "My policies" continue on the siding.

The United Free Bridge Commission is nonplussed. It can't determine whether the occupant of the woodpile is a stranger or the same old nigger.

Senator Warner breathes easier now that Kerens is out of the way. But there are others.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Terminal Expenses and Arbitrary.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The trouble with Mr. McChesney's statement is that it is an attempt to justify the capitalization and bonding of a railroad terminal as an undertaking independent of the main line of which such a terminal forms a part. Unfortunately, the Terminal Association is the result of a gradual evolution from this premise which was economically wrong to start with.

It is practicable for the roads forming the association to arrive at an equitable basis of distributing among themselves all expenses of maintaining their association. All compensation that they should ask they receive through economy of combined terminals.

The serious aspect with reference to the abolishment of the arbitrary on coal is the fact that the coal mines of Illinois, as such, do not pay, but that in many instances most, if not all, their profits are derived from the prorating on coal freights with the Terminal Association.

GEORGE W. SWAFFORD.

Thinks Single Tax a Panacea.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Some Single Taxers laud the single tax doctrine of Henry George, and yet say that the single tax is not a panacea (a universal remedy) for the ills of government. I think these good people either misunderstand the single tax or the meaning of panacea.

I have read and reread all of the works of Henry George, and after doing so I read the bill of rights of our Missouri Constitution, the fundamental law of our State, and I find all the works and writings of Henry George condensed therein and made the chief, foremost and fundamental cornerstone of constitutional government.

"Section 4—Purpose of Government—Natural Rights of Persons.—That all constitutional government is intended to promote the general welfare of the people; that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, and the enjoyment of the gains of their own industry; that to give security to these things is the principal office of government, and that when government does not confer this security, it fails of its chief design."

Just as soon as we get public officials who understand and are honest enough to obey their oath of office, we will have the single tax (the panacea and universal remedy) for all curable ills of government; for incurable ills there is no panacea.

VICTOR GEBHARDT.

Choose the Best Man.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Is the office of United States District Attorney at St. Louis only a political plum to be fought for and awarded to the man or clique which has the strongest "push" or "pull?" Why is it necessary that the new appointee should be either Mr. Houts, Harry Hawes' partner, or Mr. Newton, a fresh importation from—I don't know where? Are there not others? Does not the theory of the civil service rules apply to that office as well as elsewhere? Is the appointment to that office only a test of the relative political strength of Senator Warner from Kansas City or St. Joseph, or Postmaster Akins, from here, Maryville, or of ex-Boss Jep Howe, or is it to be determined in the interest of the public by the selection of the best man for the place? Why should not the usual rule of promotion for merit be followed?

Is there not some man who has been associated with Mr. Blodgett and familiar with the duties of the office who is better qualified than any stranger? Are there not still others? Is anyone to be considered besides the bosses and officeholders or office-seekers? These questions and their like are pertinent and will demand an answer sometime.

REPUBLICAN.

A German Example.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

We boast so much about doing things in this country for reform and the uplift of mankind and liberty that we fail to see that we are doing very little in comparison to other countries. According to the Berlin correspondent of the New York Evening Post "The history of the land reform movement in Germany is an illuminating example of an economic principle winning the upper hand solely on the merits of the appeal it made to men's common sense. Over twenty years ago men first began to preach Henry George's gospel in Germany and a land league was formed. In 1895 this was turned into the "Bund der Bodenreformer," with Herr Adolf Damaschke as chairman, whose little work, "Die Bodenreform," is more than anything else responsible for the immense progress the movement has made in modern Germany. Today, with 640,000 members, the bund can look with righteous pride on what its agitation has accomplished."

According to the above government memorandum, up to the end of 1908, 133 cities and communes and five counties in the German Empire had adopted the unearned increment tax (land value tax), including 15 cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants, of which may be mentioned Hamburg, with over 800,000; Breslau, with close on half a million; Leipzig, Cologne and Frankfort-am-Main, the influence of the league has increased in proportion, and the Government has frequently followed its suggestions, notably with regard to its land policy in the German-African colonies and mortgage legislation at home—for simplicity and equity, morality and prosperity, this tax system of taxing land values is the only thing on earth.

H. SYCAMORE.

AT LEAST A DIME

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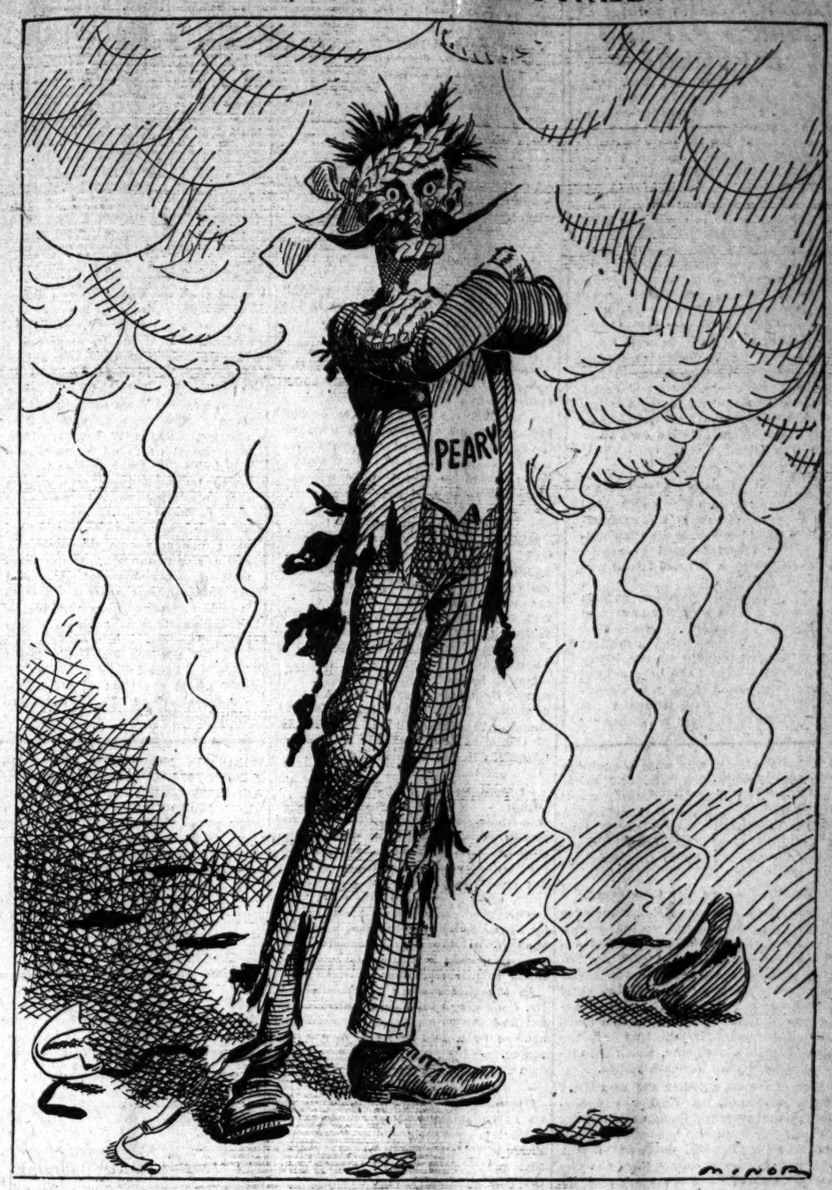
"WELL, THE COOK'S FIRED!"



DOCTORS WHO CAN CURE FOOTBALL.

From Harper's Weekly.

There came over from Washington the other day the story of a Virginia woman whose two boys were to play in a football game in Washington, and who was very uneasy at the prospect. She was anxious and so much troubled that she finally slipped away from home on the morning of the game and went to Washington herself. There she went to a hotel and waited. The time of the game passed, and nothing seemed to have happened. She took courage and prepared to go home. To make sure, she telephoned to get news of the game and of her boys. Alas! she got back word that one of her sons had gone to the hospital, in an ambulance, seriously injured. The injury was serious indeed. The boy's neck was broken. He died almost immediately.

Dr. Hadley, Dr. Lowell, Dr. Wilson, don't you think football, as it was played this year, is a little rough? There had been 27 deaths up to Nov. 21, gentlemen, and a multitude of injuries, and the dying was not all done at that time. Many of the deaths had come from injuries received in previous years. Many injuries received this year will kill in a little time.

You could stop this kind of football if you chose, you three men. The mothers can't, poor souls. They cannot make mollycoddles of the boys they have borne and reared. The fathers can't do much. But you, if you thought it wise and were agreed, could stop the kind of football that has been played this year, and that has trebled the death rate. You could either throw out the game entirely, as Dr. Butler did at Columbia, or you could make Walter Camp and the other rules experts give over a part of their solicitude to save the game and exercise their wits a little to save the boys.

You could do it if you chose. You have the power—the moral power, if no other, and having the moral power, it is for you to consider in how far you have the moral responsibility.

TOM JOHNSON'S "FAILURE."

From the New York World.

Tom Johnson will go out of office on Dec. 30 after eight years as Mayor of Cleveland, O., and after a somewhat longer fight with the local street railway companies for 3-cent fares. He was beaten in the election last month. Perhaps Cleveland was a little tired of the protracted struggle. At any rate the news of his "failure" was telegraphed over the country and caused much comment. The 3-cent campaign had previously met with legal and other reverses.

Mr. Johnson may have been demagogic in his methods. The voters of Ohio repudiated him for Governor by 713,000 votes in 1908, when he was nearly at the height of his local popularity. But to describe his political career as a "failure" is to ignore the solid results of his eight years of work. It has rather been such a success as to entitle him to grateful remembrance.

At a time when the prospect seems almost hopeless of "squeezing the water out" of even the bankrupted street railways of New York, Cleveland has obtained a legal valuation of its lines, franchise included, at $22,522,000. Each inhabitant of Cleveland is expected to pay by his street car fares interest or dividends on less than $60.

Mayor Johnson's campaign may have failed. So far as getting a straight 3-cent fare with free transfer it has. But New York City would like to enjoy an equally advantageous "failure."

JUST A MINUTE.

Written for the Post-Dispatch by Clark McAdams.

OUR NIGHT SCHOOL FOR BANKERS.

TEACHER (*calling the class in arithmetic*): The class will go to the blackboard and work the following example: A has $75 which he wishes to increase to $100. He goes to a pawnshop, where he pawns the $75 for $50. Then he sells the ticket to B for $50. B redeems the $75. Who gained, and who lost?

FIRST BANKER (*after fifteen minutes*): I have it.

TEACHER: What is it?

FIRST BANKER: The pawnbroker lost $150.

SECOND BANKER: He did nothing of the kind. The pawnbroker made $10.

TEACHER (*watching the third banker, who is still figuring*): How does the pawnbroker stand where you are right now?

THIRD BANKER (*shaking his head*): He has just made an assignment. (*Laughter.*)

TEACHER (*observing that the fourth banker has just put down a sum in eight figures*): Is that the answer or the national debt?

FOURTH BANKER (*mopping his brow*): It is what B was out before he cashed the pawn ticket.

FIFTH BANKER: None of them have it right. A, who began with $75, got $50 from the pawnbroker and $50 from B. Therefore, A was the gainer by $25. B and the pawnbroker came out even.

TEACHER: Did they, indeed?

SIXTH BANKER: Not on your life. The pawnbroker came out even, but B lost (*resumes figuring aloud: 2 and 2 make 7, carry 1; 6 and 8 are 26, 3 is 30, and 12 is 50.*) B lost $50.

FIRST BANKER: I have another answer now. The pawnbroker did not lose $150, as I first said he did. He lost $1500.

TEACHER: How many of the class think the pawnbroker gained? (*Counting the uplifted hands*): One-two-three-four. How many think the pawnbroker was the loser? One-two-three-four-five. (*Announcing the decision*) The pawnbroker was the loser. Now, how many of the class think he lost as much as $1500? One-two-three-four. How many think he lost less than $1500? Only one. (*Announcement.*) The pawnbroker lost about $2500, of which A, who was a bank official, got $2,499.77, and B, who was a bank clerk, got 23 cents. Tomorrow night we will try to discover the age of Ann.

Visitor to the Governor's office: So you've given up getting a better nickname for Missouri than Show-Me?

Governor Hadley: Yes.

Visitor: What was the matter?

Governor Hadley (laughing): The matter was that I was unable to show them anything the matter with the nickname we have.

THE LAST DASH.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Answers to Questions From Readers of the Post-Dispatch.

Write but one question. No bets decided. Business addresses not given. Legal questions must be simple. Address "Answers," Post-Dispatch, using postal cards when convenient.

EVANS.—Use only the cartridges as numbered.

MABEL.—No harm to send him a Christmas card.

ELLA.—For Christmas cakes see Answers Dec. 19.

P. L. T. D.—Sec. 5459 R. S., requires physicians to make out death certificates.

A.—You certainly seem to have a skin disease. Consult a dermatologist.

LAMBERT.—E. A. Chenery, Liggett Building, is Missouri Pacific superintendent of telegraph operators.

C. G.—Contractor for new City Hospital, excluding administration building and boiler room, Frederick Boeke.

J. J. B.—Camphor and coal oil do not make an explosive combination. Astral oil is one of the petroleum oils.

B. B. B.—Heat or any good liniment may relieve stiffness and soreness of muscles after exercising. Get used to the exercise.

VIOLET.—May the house be warm and the hearts be warm. The flowers bloom for aye. May sweet content be with us all. And never fade away.

ROLLA.—Without license you cannot lawfully hunt on your friend's farm, even if he consents. Rabbits are not mentioned in the game law.

INFORMATION.—As the Illinois game law does not protect rabbits you would not be molested in carrying that kind of game to Missouri.

SAVER.—An electrician says your diagram is right. Phone book stores or try Public Library for books. Some electrical establishment might recommend one.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—Brush and leaves are placed over myrtle to keep it from freezing; we don't know about sack. Cactus will "come to" if it has not been entirely frozen.

CLAYTON.—Lime water: Agitate 1 oz. pure caustic lime in a pint bottle nearly filled with water, and after the lime has subsided decant the clear liquid. Keep in well-stoppered bottle.

RAHM.—By legislation for interstate commerce Congress may stop the shipment of liquor. Prohibition can only become national when every State has adopted it or the Constitution is amended.

LYDIA.—No boy can legally marry in Missouri or Illinois without consent of parent or guardian unless he is 21 years old. A boy who would swear falsely might some day prove false to his bride.

VIOLET.—We have no record of a common-law husband, deserting his common-law wife, being punished for bigamy on marrying another woman. No woman should ever consent to a common-law marriage.

E. Z.—For hollow cheeks, see that your liver and digestion are right, then try the fattening foods (starchy, sweet, oily, fatty), which have so often been published in this column. Practice deep breathing of pure air.

R. C. W.—Your violin inscription means: "Johannes Baptista Guadagnini of Cremona pupil of Antoni Stradivarius, made this in Turin." If the 1781 means the year, it is rather early, as Stradivarius was not then born.

WILL.—In New York, when a couple is separated by divorce, the guilty party is not allowed to remarry. After five years of good conduct, however, the guilty one may marry. Or he or she may step over into New Jersey and marry as soon as he is divorced.

T. BURK.—Air containing an abnormal quantity of oxygen would be highly stimulating to life, increasing nervous tension and heart action. For a humorous, semi-scientific study of the effect of oxygen on living beings read Jules Verne's clever romance, "Dr. Ox's Experiment."

DONALD.—The ship subsidy bill provides for subsidies to steamships owned by Americans and conducting a foreign trade. Its alleged purpose is the building of a merchant marine to compete with vessels of other nations. The subsidy is to be given with the understanding that the ships may be used by the Government in time of war.

J. W.—Colored schools in St. Louis: Day high schools 1, grade day schools 10. Enrollment, day high, 336; day grade, 5351. Children in city not enrolled in day schools, 2243. There are also 3 evening schools for negroes, with an enrollment of 494. High school classes are not part of one of these. Colored population St. Louis estimated, 40,000. Some estimates are higher.

BLERIOT.—Not much danger in making hydrogen gas for balloon if you are careful. Dilute sulphuric acid with water by slowly pouring acid into water. The combination develops considerable heat, and if done rapidly heat may break vessel. After the liquid cools, add scraps of zinc or iron to produce gas. Pass gas through vessel of water before allowing it to enter balloon.

DAISY.—Under the circumstances you can sue administrator for wrongfully paying your share in the estate to your brother, providing you have not given him a receipt in full upon receiving final amount. You can get a copy of administrator's accounting by writing to Probate Court of the county in Ohio where proceedings took place on payment of a small fee. Should you sue you cannot include attorney's fee. If you have receipted to administrator and your brother refuses to make good you can have him arrested for embezzlement.

L. W. O.—Merkle lost the game between New York and Chicago in the latter part of the season of 1908 because he failed to touch second base. It was the last half of the ninth inning, the score a tie, two men out and New York at bat. Merkle was on first and another runner on third. The batter hit safely to the outfield, the runner on third trotted home with what seemed the winning run and Merkle trotted to the clubhouse instead of going to second. The ball was returned to second base, thus forcing Merkle out and retiring the side, so the run from third did not count. It was a tie game and when played over, after the season ended, Chicago won.

F. H.—Coldest day of the winter of 1908-9, Jan. 31—1 degree below zero.

READER.—To test diamond: put it into a leaden or platinum cup with some powdered fluor-spar and a little oil of vitriol; warm the vessel with lighted charcoal, in a fireplace, or where there is a strong draft to carry away the noxious vapors. When the vapors have ceased rising let the whole cool, and then stir the mixture with a glass rod to find out the stone. If it is found intact it is a genuine diamond; if it is an imitation it will be corroded by the hydrofluoric acid that has been generated around it. A small "paste diamond" would disappear altogether under this treatment. This is the test by Maxime Levi, an Italian chemist.

LEGAL.—See Notary's Manual by B. F. Rex (Gilbert Book Co., St. Louis). Notaries are appointed by the Governor. Bond of $2000 required; bond of $5000 in counties of more than 100,000 inhabitants; two good sureties; law does not specify qualifications. Total cost, $16.85. Write Secretary of State for application blank. The knowledge required by a notary public depends upon the many things he intends to undertake. If merely for the convenience of some office, that office will probably know the legal requirements and do the instructing; if general notarial work is contemplated, knowledge of the law is absolutely necessary, as a mistake or error may be costly; to insure the public against this is one reason why the State requires of him a bond.

SOCIETY AND THE OPERA

Metropolitan Social Swimmers as They Appear in Their Great Public Function

As told in Harper's Bazar

By RALPH PULITZER.

RALPH PULITZER continues in the latest Harper's Bazar to hammer New York society with t brilliance shown in his December article in the same periodical. He says, discussing society and the Opera:

THE dinner being leisurely completed, the hostess remarks dubiously to her husband that she supposes the men might perhaps smoke their cigars on the way to the opera. This is probably more from a kindly desire to free the women from one another's society in the drawing-room than from any desire to reach the opera earlier, but the men always acquiesce, and pile into one carriage or automobile with their cigars and cigarettes, while the ladies enjoy one another's company in another vehicle.

THEY quickly reach the opera, and walk up one flight of stairs to the distant muffled murmurs of the orchestra and an occasional high note from one of the singers, loud enough to force its way out to them. These solitary and sudden notes, robbed of all musical quality by the inaudibility of their context, sound as if some sublimated butcher-shop within were being operated to slow music. But one of the guests, at some unusually penetrating scream, is sure to breathe, 'Ah!' (as she hastens her steps up the stairs); 'Ah!' in tones of tender and preposterous appreciation. Why she does it she could not herself explain, for she has not the least intention of listening to the music when she reaches the box. It is probably done from the same instinct that would make her honestly declare, if questioned, that she was devoted to music or to children, although she might not know a fugue in one from a whooping-cough out of the other. A curious traditional attribute of her sex, this devotion to music and children, which she still feels it seemly to subscribe to in theory.

THE curtain rattles aside, down to the front of the box sweeps a radiance of satin a scintillation of diamonds, a luster of pearls, a glow of rubies, a wanness of skin, a palpitation of fat: Society has reached the opera.

In the front of each box sit either two or three ladies; behind them sit either three or four men—each box party consists, therefore, of from five to seven persons. No unsophisticated spectator, surveying such a party, sitting together in ceremonious ease, would guess what a triumph of artifice each natural grouping represents, any more than a layman admiring da Vinci's Madonna of the Grotto realizes the rigid bounds of an equilateral triangle which have been mechanically employed to create its graceful composition.

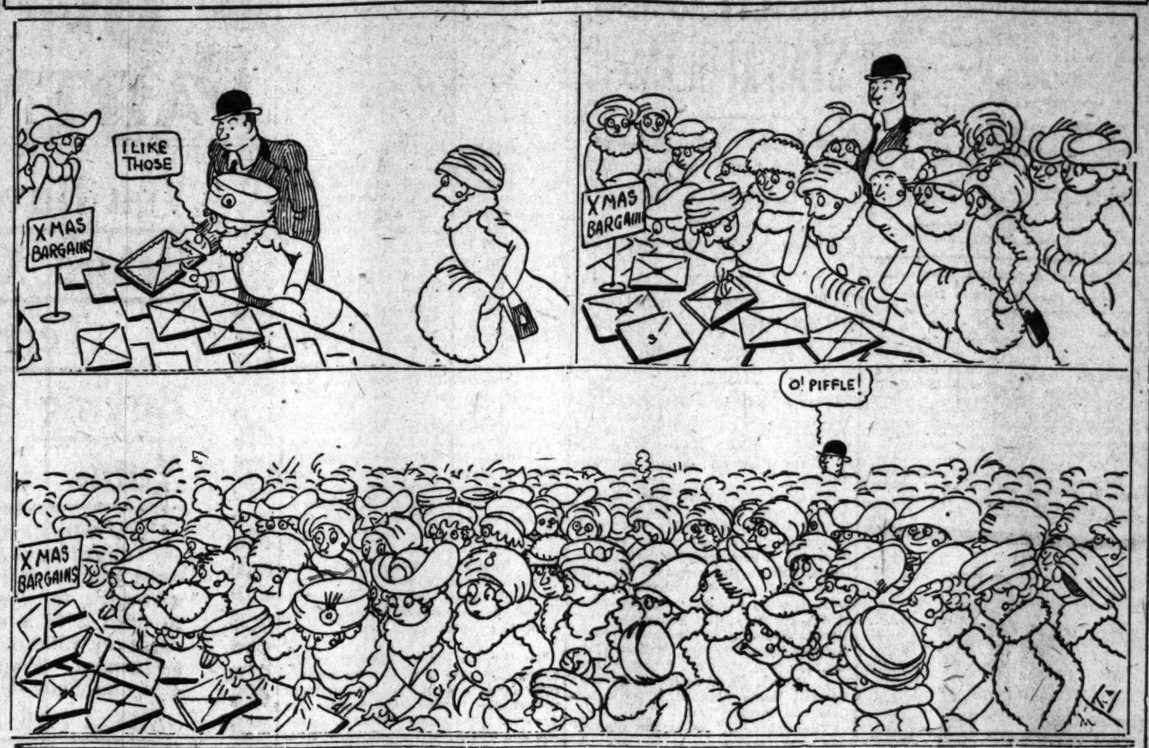
WHAT, then, since love of music is negligible are the rules of composition which the average hostess follows in making up her box party? It is impossible to give a satisfactory answer; the formula is a secret one. All that we definitely know is that the hostess invites her guests because she wishes to extend them the compliment of sharing her box; that her guests accept because they wish to enjoy this compliment. Yet sharing her box is a compliment only because other hostesses have asked other guests for the same reason, and for the same reason other guests have accepted. The box parties go because the opera is fashionable; the opera is fashionable because the box parties go. Which is the cause, and which the effect? Which came first, the egg or the goose?

OUR hostess, after the first preliminary sweep of her opera glasses, postpones the more delicate scrutiny and leans back to enjoy a moment's passive satisfaction. For she has already seen enough to know that her party, in membership and adornment, has no superior among the other boxes. Has she not, sitting next her, the beautiful Englishwoman whose ambitious indiscretions are admitted to be regal in their field of operation, who is spending a few weeks in New York, and who is most fastidious in her acceptance of invitations? Has she not placed next to this quasi-royal guest her own lovely stepdaughter by her husband's divorced wife, an act of maternal solicitude which she could not have improved on if the girl had been her own daughter by her divorced husband? Is not her English guest a dazzling marvel in dress and jewels? Is not her lovely stepdaughter a shimmering triumph of extravagant simplicity—her dress, her dog collar, her demeaner all virginally quiet, obviously most expensive? Is not her own appearance the most incomparably splendid which taste and money can provide.

She is proud of the appearance of her box, she is delighted at the appearance of the other women. For the opera has lifted her to such dizzy heights of artificiality that she has left the woman far below and is now but the disembodied hostess. She does not resent the splendor of the women next her, she does not wish to eclipse them, she does not fear their eclipsing her: she is perfectly willing, if need be, to shine in reflected jewels. All for which she yearns is that they will collaborate with her to make her box the most brilliant at the opera.

MERE MAN

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch by Maurice Ketten.



SAYINGS OF MRS. SOLOMON

Translated for the Post-Dispatch BY HELEN ROWLAND.

HELEN ROWLAND

VERILY, verily, my Daughter, NO woman is a HEROINE unto a BELLBOY!

Who seeth her in all her guises and DISGUISES?

Who holdeth the secrets of her heart and findeth her out in all her little WAYS?

Even HE that weareth brass buttons and the expression of Napoleon crossing the Alps!

Behold, when he ushereth in her PET man and leadeth him to her door, he thinketh in his heart:

"Poor Fool! WHY dost worship her and bow down before her? For she hath feet of clay, and I have SEEN them in her morning slippers!

"Yea, I have seen her in a kimono and WITHOUT her complexion at 8 a. m.

"I have observed her wearing seven curling kids, when the REST of her hair lay upon the dressing case. And she was NOT ALWAYS as she is when thou callest.

"Lo, peradventure, thou dost not KNOW that she hath ALL her breakfasts in bed. Yea, I have carried them up and she hath tipped me TEN CENTS.

"Yet, when thou comest she flasheth diamonds and is SO vivacious!

"Behold, I have buttoned her dresses up the back unto seven times seven; and I say unto thee, on each of these there were an hundred buttons and fourscore hooks and eyes.

"Thy work is prepared for thee; but as for ME, I shall clean mine OWN safety razor all the days of my life. Yea, I shall remain a bachelor.

"Lo, how SWEETLY she greeteth thee! Yet, when I have dropped the ice water upon her front breadth, I charge thee, her voice is not ALWAYS of silver.

"Nay, she is not always SPIRITUELLE.

"Go to, thou Simple One! Dost thou fancy thou art the ONLY one? For, though thou comest on Mondays and Wednesdays, there is ANOTHER more foolish than thou who cometh on Tuesdays and Thursdays, bringing her burnt offerings.

"And for HIM, even as for thee, she weareth her best hair and the smile that will not come off. Yea, he, too, sendeth her roses, and HIS flower boxes are larger than thine!

"Oh, feed me with sandwiches and stay me with lemon pie! For I am sick of women! Yea, in all their folly have I known them, and I say unto thee, not ONE liveth that is worthy of a bellboy's admiration.

"Verily, verily, they make me tired, and I am already quite blase!" Selah!

HYPNOTISM IN LOVE

Dr. I. K. Funk Says That Every Person Who Arouses Our Emotions Uses "Suggestion."

Written for the Post-Dispatch

By NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH.

"HYPNOTISM is a part of all love, of all happy marriages. I should think it might be used effectively in treating the divorce evil. But the only suggestion, in my opinion, that is permanent in its results is auto-suggestion, the cure a man works in himself by resistance to temptation."

NIXOLA GREELEY SMITH

This is the opinion of the Rev. Dr. I. K. Funk, author of "The Widow's Mite," "The Psychic Riddle" and one of the best-known "spook chasers" in America.

I had asked Dr. Funk what he thought of Prof. James Hyslop's plan for the establishment of an American Institute for Scientific Research wherein marital dissensions are to be treated, and which Dr. John Duncan Quackenbos had indorsed.

"I am not such an enthusiast on suggestion as Dr. Quackenbos," Dr. Funk remarked, "though, of course, he is a noted authority on the subject.

"Dr. Hillis of Plymouth Church told me the other day that he had sent several men to Quackenbos to be treated by suggestion for the drink habit and that they had been cured.

"I believe that any permanent change in the character of a human being must come from within himself, from his own conscious struggle against temptation.

Do You Own Hypnotism.

"I should think that in cases of dissension between husband and wife the husband could treat her or she him better than an outsider, though I fear most of us already give too much attention to treating the faults of others and not enough to our own.

"But between a husband and wife there already exists a certain element of hypnotism, not entirely physical, not entirely mental nor simply compounded of those two attractions. I believe there is a third influence of personality on personality. Just as thought travels in ether, so I think personality travels through some medium much higher than the thought flow, which we have not yet discovered.

"We communicate our thoughts at present through sound, which travels as you know, slowly. But the spiritual influences of personality may travel with infinite speed faster even than light, which is at the rate of something under 190,000 miles a second.

"This poem of personality accounts for the influence of a good woman on her husband. There is hypnotism, suggestion in it, though, of course, it is not consciously exercised. In the gradual adjustment which comes about in the happiest marriage, and which makes its later years more peaceful than the honeymoon, the result of this influence of personality on personality is seen. Call it hypnotism or suggestion, as you like. We use the word hypnotism so loosely and it covers so many things.

Hypnotism and Success.

"There is hypnotism in every love affair, on both sides, too. Great orators are hypnotic. Henry Ward Beecher was in this sense one of the greatest hypnotists that ever lived. Successful actors are hypnotists. All successful business men are 'suggestionists.' Good book agent are hypnotists."

"I should say so!" I exclaimed. "A man actually sold me a set of books today by an author whose complete works I possess already!"

"Ah, indeed!" laughed Dr. Funk, the president of the publishing company quite eclipsing for the moment the student of psychic influence. "Let me have that young man's name—we might need him!

"I do not believe in divorce except in very rare cases," he added, reverting to the less commercial subject. "I think people should stick together for the sake of their children.

"You know I believe so much in the silent influence of personality that I think if a father or mother does a mean action it affects their children, no matter how carefully it be concealed from them."

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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

TOYTOWN NEWS

By Wireless to the Post-Dispatch

By DAISY MILLER.

III.—A FIRE IN TOYTOWN.

THE big, fat Policeman was standing in front of the Window of Toytown looking to see if there was anything new there which had not been before.

The German Doll was gone, but the bi. Boy Doll was in his place just the same an. he seemed to look very lonely.

In the ba k part of Toytown the Fire Department stood ready to rush out on the least alarm.

Part of the firemen were in the window to see that the Christmas tree did not catch fire.

"Things are very quiet now, are they not?" asked the Red Chief of the Driver of the Hook and Ladder.

"Yes, they seem to be, but I have plenty to do, taking care of my beautiful horses," said the Driver.

Just then the electric bell began to ring and the firemen all ran to their stations.

The horses ran under the harnesses and soon they were out on the streets of Toytown with a clanging of bells and a shouting that could be heard outside.

"It's the window! It's the window!" said the Man on the Hose Cart to his companions as he put on his toy helmet.

Sure enough!

The smoke was curling up around the Brown Monkey, and the Stuffed Cat was so frightened she did not know what to do.

Such a screaming you never heard.

All the dolls were making as loud a noise as they could.

The Red and Gold Rooster began to crow, although it was not on the hour. While Bessie, the biggest doll in Toyland, was waving her arms and shouting:

"There goes the bell again! It must be the second alarm."

"I smell smoke," said the real Policeman on the outside of the Toytown window. "Mercy sakes! one of the doll's dresses is on fire. I must turn in an alarm!"

And he rushed down the street to send for the real firemen.

He returned just in time to break in the door and rescue the Boy Doll from the flames.

Her Winter Garb.

Woman likes a contrast
When the weather's rough;
Rather believes
In elbow sleeves
Coupled with a muff.

Woman likes a contrast
When a freeze occurs;
Has a quirk
For open work
Worn with heavy furs.
—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

COL. TODHUNTER OF MISSOURI

By RIPLEY D. SAUNDERS

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTER.

Col. Todhunter organizes a big public reception for his friend, Col. "Bill" Strickland, returning from his Nineveh home from St. Louis after announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Missouri. At a barbecue-dinner given by the Nineveh Daughters of the Confederacy Col. Todhunter vigorously campaigns for Col. "Bill" Strickland. Hearing that Tom Strickland, drinking, has provoked Stamford Tucker into a dangerous quarrel, Col. Todhunter finds Tom in a saloon and tries to avert a personal encounter between the two. Helping Sim Birdsong slope with Miss Angelica Ekol he has a terrifying experience with the girl's mother, Lottie-May Doggett, publicly shamed at the hop given by the Nineveh Sons of Confederate Veterans, names Tom Strickland as being responsible for her wrongdoing. Tom Strickland threatens to force Stamford Tucker into confessing that it was he, not Tom, who wronged Lottie-May Doggett. The next morning Stamford Tucker's dead body is found on a lonely road. Tom Strickland, arrested on suspicion, believes he killed Tucker when "crazy drunk," but has no recollection of what happened. Lottie-May Doggett reiterates her charge against Tom. Col. Todhunter is suddenly notified by old "Aunt Mirandy" Ransom that a dangerous task awaits him in his effort to save Tom Strickland from the gallows.

CHAPTER XIV.

State of Missouri vs. Thomas W. Strickland—for Murder.

THERE was no response when, on the following morning, Col. Todhunter's name was called with those of other witnesses summoned to testify in the case of the State of Missouri versus Thomas W. Strickland, charged with the murder of Stamford Tucker.

Nor had there been any answer when the name of Lottie-May Doggett was reached earlier on the list.

The Sheriff was instructed to send a deputy in search of the two missing witnesses and the counsel for the prosecution and defense announced their readiness for trial. It was known that the Court insisted upon the hearing being held with as little delay as was possible, the docket being crowded and many cases remaining to be disposed of during the present term.

There was plainly sounded a note of peculiar confidence, almost like jubilation, in the swift announcement of the State's readiness. Col. "Bill" Strickland, gray and pinched of face, recognized its menace. His grim lips broke their rigid lines piteously as Tom was brought into court and took his seat confronting the jury.

At the same moment a swift flash of anticipated triumph leaped into the eyes of old Ephriam Tucker, sitting with the State's counsel. Tom's father saw this and his jaws set hard at the sight.

"They're feeling pretty sure of a conviction," he whispered to Maj. Gentry Dryden. "Is it likely they've obtained evidence against Tom that we don't know anything about?"

The lawyer shook his head. "I hardly think so," he replied. "We've got a line on all their witnesses, I believe. I can't figure out how they'll be able to spring a surprise on us."

But one sinister sentence in the prosecuting attorney's opening statement to the jury undeceived him.

"We shall prove, gentlemen, beyond a reasonable doubt," the State's counsel said, "the motive which, we claim, led Thomas W. Strickland to slay Stamford Tucker, and then"—moving a step nearer to the jury and lifting one hand impressively—"having proved this, we shall establish, by the testimony of an eye-witness, the fact of Thomas W. Strickland's presence at the scene of the murder at the time of its commission."

Maj. Gentry Dryden, in spite of himself, started at hearing this crushing announcement. Something of fierce resentment, pathetic in its impotency, showed in Col. Strickland's grizzled countenance. Tom's face, a helpless perplexity in his eyes, went deadly white.

The atmosphere became tense with the sudden dramatic "grip" of the situation thus created.

And then the hearing of testimony for the State began.

It went forward with relentless precision and despatch, a certainty and rapidity so well ordered as to be overwhelming in moral effect.

The evidence was cruelly against Tom Strickland almost from the start. It placed the burden of guilt as heavily upon him as was possible, save in the event of his having been seen at the spot where the murder was committed.

The prosecuting attorney turned, smiling, from a whispered consultation with old Ephraim Tucker.

"Call Abraham L. Tolliver!" he said.

A negro man about 40 years of age took the stand in answer to the Sheriff's cry. He seemed frightened and reluctant to testify. He stated that he was on his way to his fishing camp in the Black Bottoms on the night of the murder.

"Now, Abram,"—and the prosecuting attorney straightened to his full height and spoke with especial earnestness—"I want you to tell the jury exactly what happened to you on your way to your camp in the Black Bottoms that night. Tell it in your own way, just as it happened."

The witness looked at his questioner with appr shension in his childlike eyes. The witness began in a low voice.

"Dey wan't nothin' happened to me 'twell I come nigh to dat-ar hog-path what cuts off inter de bottoms," he said. "Dess fo' I got dar, suh, I heern shootin'. One shot, and den annurr', bit seem lak ter me, suh. I was skeered when I hear dat-ar shootin' and seem lak I better not go on ter whar I sho' ter run smack into it. Mistah Cromwell—yass, suh, I'se a-tellin' it ter de jury, suh. So hucccome I done hid in de brush side o' de road, suh, layin' flat on de groun'. And dar I stayed, suh."

The witness hesitated.

"Go on," said the prosecuting attorney. "Tell the jury precisely what happened next."

"I lay dar, lak I say," resumed the witness, "when, all of a sudden lak, a man come down de road f'um whar I heern de shootin'. He pass straight by me on de road, and he seem to be staggerin' lak. He was talkin' to hisse'f as he pass whar I was hidin' in de brush. He had this pistol swingin' in his hand, suh, lak a man what too excited to put it back atter he use it, suh."

The prosecuting attorney moved a step nearer the witness.

"You saw that man plainly, Abe?" he asked. "You got a good look at his face?"

"Yass, suh. Hit was a bright moonlight night. I seen dat-ar man dess as plain as I done see you dis-hyar minit, suh."

"Did you recognize him?"

"Yass, suh. I knowed him soon's I set eyes on his face, suh."

"Do you see him in this court-room now?"

"Yass, suh."

"Point him out to the jury, Abe."

The negro, now feeling reassured, levelled his black finger at Tom Strickland, dramatically.

"Dass him, suh," spoke the witness. "Hit was Mistah Tom Strickland what I seen passin' me on dat-ar road, suh. Lawdy massy! I done know him since he wa'nt no mo'n knee-high to a duck, suh!"

"I—I had come purty nigh to de hog-path whar I was to strike off inter de bottom lands," he resumed, "when I stumbled ovah sump'in a-layin on de groun', part in de road and part in de grass side o' de road."

He wiped his face with his open palm. "Hit was a man," he said—and then, his voice solemn—"and de man was dead. He been shot. I seen de place what he shot—right in de head, 'twix' de eyes, on'y dess a li'l bit higher up. When I stumble ovah him and nigh fall, I stretch out my hand, down-lak, and hit tech de place whar he been shot and got all bloody."

"Abram," said the prosecuting attorney, "tell the jury who the dead man was whose body you thus found and whose face you saw and recognized."

"Hit was young Mistah Stamford Tucker," the witness made answer. "I knowed him, suh, dess as well as I know Mistah Tom Strickland settin' right hyar 'fo' my eyes, suh."

"The State rests its case," announced the prosecuting attorney. A profound and ominous silence followed.

It was broken by the entrance of Col. Todhunter into the court-room.

He came through a door opening from the Sheriff's office in the rear.

His clothing was covered with dust, as of hurried travel along sun-scorched country roads.

He made his way direct to where Col. "Bill" Strickland and Maj. Gentry Dryden sat. The latter rose a moment later.

"I ber the Court's indulgence for a little time," he said, hurriedly. "An adjournment is not asked—merely opportunity for a brief conference."

The request was granted.

Taking hasty notes meanwhile, Maj. Dryden was deep in consultation with the newcomer. Suddenly he stood erect and faced the trial judge, his eyes ablaze with excitement.

"May it please the Court," he said, "the real murderer of Stamford Tucker, who confesses his guilt, is now a prisoner in the Nineveh jail. The defense in the present case will at once present the evidence upon which it asks for the immediate discharge of Thomas W. Strickland, wrongfully accused of that crime!"

Then he turned to the Sheriff.

"Call Lottie-May Doggett!" he said.

"The witness is not present," replied the Sheriff. "A deputy reports that she has disappeared from her home."

"She is present now," said the counsel for the defense.

And Lottie-May Doggett, emerging from the Sheriff's own office, took the stand in answer to his call.

To Be Continued in the Post-Dispatch Tomorrow.

Try This for a Severe Cough.

Take a pint of Granulated Sugar, add ½ pint of warm water and stir about 2 minutes. Put 2½ oz. of Pinex in a pint bottle and fill up with the Granulated Sugar Syrup. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours. The taste is pleasant.

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Patients at Jacksonville (Ill.) Moved From Burning Building at Night.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Dec. 22.—Three hundred and fifty insane patients were moved out of a burning building at the Central Illinois Hospital for the Insane last night, with the precision of children in a fire drill. All were taken to another building and no one was injured.

The fire was discovered at 8:30 p. m. in the main building, a structure a quarter of a mile long. The north wing, known as the "dull and stupid" ward, was in immediate danger, and the patients were aroused.

The fire was kept in the third floor of this wing. The roof fell in, but the two lower floors are undamaged. At 11 o'clock the blaze was under control and at 3 a. m. the fire was out. The loss is about $30,000.

PLAYGOERS' GUIDE.

GARRICK William Hodge in "The Man From Home." Comedy drama, sparkling with wit, and possessing many little touches of pathos. Admirably played and staged.

OLYMPIC—"The Round-Up." Big and picturesque production of vivid drama of Western life. Graphic scenic effects.

CENTURY—"The Girl From Rector's." Offensive French farce, telling without reserve a story objectionable in its character and situations, made over into coarse English comedy of the burlesque type.

AMERICAN—"Fifty Miles From Boston." George M. Cohan musical comedy cleverly presented.

IMPERIAL—"The Two Orphans." Satisfactory presentation of famous drama, with Ethel Clifton in leading role and stock company well cast

HAVLIN'S—"The Princess of Patches." Southern comedy, with Estelle Allen in leading role of stolen heroine. Also offers bright vaudeville features.

NEW COLUMBIA — Vaudeville bill, with Helen Grantley and company in "The Agitator" as topline feature.

GRAND—Vaudeville bill, headed by Cliff Berzac's Circus.

STANDARD—"Miss New York Jr." Burlesque and vaudeville.

GAYETY — Clark's Runaway Girls. Burlesque and vaudeville.

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ODEON — Sunday afternoon, popular concert by the Symphony Orchestra.

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Sets Signals, Hangs Himself.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Robert P. Judge, a Lackawanna switchman, hanged himself in his shanty in Jersey City, but he did his duty to the last. He set his switch signals at danger, holding up trains until his death was discovered.

Millers Give Christmas Dinner.

A Christmas dinner and ladies' night celebration was given at the Mercantile Club Tuesday night by the St. Louis Millers' Club. H. B. Sparks, president of the club, was toastmaster. Addresses were made by F. W. Lehmann and G. J. Tansey. A programme of songs, addresses and recitations followed the dinner. Resolutions of condolence on the death of Theodore R. Ballard were passed.

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'SAMSON' BRINGS HACKETT AS NEXT STAR AT OLYMPIC

Rose Stahl in "Chorus Lady," Century; "Man From Home" Remains at Garrick.

OTHER NEW OFFERINGS

"School Days," American; "Merely Mary Ann," Imperial; Melodrama, Havlin's.

James K. Hackett will appear at the Olympic for the week beginning next Sunday evening in an adaptation of the famous French drama, "Samson," by Henri Bernstein, author of "The Thief."

The new play is in four acts, its most gripping scene coming in the third, and it tells a powerful modern story of a strong man's revenge on a would-be rival and of the splendid fidelity of a loving wife to her husband. The title role is said to fit Mr. Hackett admirably, and he will be supported by a strong company that includes Arthur Hoops, Frederic de Belleville, Basil Hallam, Hayward Ginn, Emmett Whitney, James J. Florence, Edgar F. Hill, J. C. Roland, David Manning, Beatrice Beckley, Marie Wainwright, Vera McCord and Maud Gilbert.

"The Round-Up" is at the Olympic this week.

Rose Stahl, playing the ever-delightful title part of Patricia O'Brien in "The Chorus Lady," now returns to St. Louis beginning a week's engagement at the Century next Sunday evening. Since her last appearance here in this play Miss Stahl has scored an exceptionally brilliant London success. English playgoers being tremendously pleased with her clever work in this James Forbes comedy of stage life. She brings with her practically the entire original company, including Wilfred Lucas, Alice Leigh, Giles Shine, Claire Lane, Isabelle Goodwin, Walter Pennington and Kenyon Bishop.

"The Girl From Rector's" is the current Century bill.

The second week of the Garrick engagement of William Hodge in "The Man From Home" opens next Sunday night. The play, a clean and wholesome comedy, telling a story of the fight made by a homely and sincere Indiana country lawyer to protect his two wards from the machinations of scheming foreigners who would exchange tarnished titles for American gold, has duplicated in St. Louis its great success in other cities, and Mr. Hodge in the title role warmly commends himself to the favor of his audiences.

Announced as the most original of all musical comedies, "School Days" comes to the American for the week beginning with next Sunday's matinee. It has a company of over 50 members, headed by Herman Timberg in his great role of Izzy Levi, a Russian boy violinist. It tells a diverting story of schoolday life, and is rich in catchy music, bright songs and big musical and dancing numbers.

"Fifty Miles From Boston" is this week's American offering.

In the title role of "Merely Mary Ann," which will be presented by the Imperial stock company next week, beginning Sunday afternoon, it is said that Ethel Clifton, the company's new leading woman, will be seen at her best. The play is by Israel Zangwill and is a finely romantic comedy.

"The Two Orphans" is now on the Imperial stage.

Owen Davis' thrilling melodrama, "The Convict's Sweetheart," opens a week's engagement at Havlin's with next Sunday's matinee. Its "big scene" shows a duel between the hero and the villain on the crest of a high Rocky Mountain peak, the villain being thrown over the precipice, his fall to the valley far beneath being seen by the audience. Two carloads of scenery are used and the company numbers 20 players.

Estelle Allen in "The Princess of Patches" is this week's star.

"At the Country Club," a musical sketch by George Spink, produced by Jesse L. Lasky, will head the New Columbia's bill next week. Other attractions will be the Seven Bonhairs, marvelous acrobats; Emily Erickson Greene and company, in "A Minnesota Romance;" the Olivotti Troubadours, violin and guitar players; Hayes and Johnson, in "A Dream of Baby Days;" Warren and Blanchard, comedians and singers; Wheelock and Hay, trick and comedy cyclists, and Joe Carroll, monologist.

Helen Grantley and company, in "The Agitators," head this week's bill.

Eddie Leonard, last season's star of the Cohan & Harris Minstrels, will head the Grand's bill next week, appearing in his new offering, "At Home Again," assisted by Mabel Russell and "the dancing wonders." Other features are Middleton, Spellmeyer and company in "A Texas Wooing," the two Rackettas, introducing the famous cartoon, "Bob Fitzsimmons in Evening Dress;" Cora Simpson, "for the Sunday edition;" Farrell Brothers, comedy cyclists; the Lebells, comedy jugglers; Murray Bennett, monologist, and new motion pictures. Next Friday night, and every Friday evening for the rest of the season, will be amateur night.

Cliff Berzac's Comedy Circus is this week's topliner.

Pat White and his Gaiety Girls begin a week's engagement at the Standard next Sunday afternoon. They offer two burlesques, "Casey Among the Stars" and "Dr. Dan Outdone," a clever vaudeville bill, and Radhee in a dancing specialty.

"Miss New York Jr." is now at this house.

Al. Reeves' Big Beauty Show will be the Gayety's attraction next week, opening with Sunday matinee. A diverting first-part entitled "The Merry Go-Round," a laughable burlesque called "Conology," Al. Reeves in a new act, and an entertaining vaudeville olio will be presented.

Clark's Runaway Girls are the current bill.

Next Sunday's popular concert by the Symphony Orchestra at the Odeon will be of uncommon attractiveness, the following exceptionally notable program having been arranged by Conductor Zach as in keeping with the Christmas festival spirit:

March of the Knights of the Holy Grail, from Parsifal ..... Wagner
Overture to The Flying Dutchman ..... Wagner
Selection from Lohengrin ..... Wagner
Pastorale from The Messiah ..... Handel
Second Suite, L'Arlesienne ..... Bizet
Prelude to La Deluge, violin obligato by Mr. Hugo Olk ..... Saint-Saens
Malaguena from Boabdil ..... Moszkowski

The Chaminade Club of the Frank Louis Soldan High School will give a musicale in the school auditorium Thursday afternoon at 3:15, this being the first appearance of the new school organizations, assisted by the Mandolin Club, Messrs. Howard and Donald Rothrock and Henry Merker. Among those taking part are: Misses Ashcroft, Cunningham, Colesworthy, Dallan, Eichenberger, Kannady, Nixon, Upton, Wilkins, Williams, Young, Brady, Spindler, Davea, Field, Murray, Kroell, Ittner, Black, Anderson, Council, Kirchner, Liebheir, McCarthy, Neff, Shinkle, Stephens, Catchings, Srenco, Gates, Blatterman, Brown, Burden, Burden, Byrne, Finn, Huey, Mohr, Swacker.

The German Stock Company at the Odeon will play next Sunday night a fairy farce, a most suitable Christmas performance, "Die Galloschen des Gluecks," (The Lucky Shoes) by Jacobson and Girndt, with music by G. Michaelis, in which a poor old tinsmith dreams that he has a pair of lucky shoes, by the wearing of which he can wish himself anything under the sun and receive it. His wishes are of the wild character so often depicted in fairy stories, and in the end he is glad that it is a dream. The changing tableaux depict the series of his wishes.

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Sweater Coats from our former $3.00 line; plain gray, also with navy and cardinal trimmings; the reduced price is $1.79.

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Boys' 35c Neckwear at 19c

Four-in-hand Ties; big range of colors and designs; regular 35c ties, Dissolution Sale price is 19c.

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Pants, up to $1.50, for 59c
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Boys' Russian Overcoats, up to $6.00, at $2.49
Boys' Russian Overcoats, up to $6.50, at $3.10
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By Reindeer Post to the Post-Dispatch.

NORTH POLE, Dec. 22, 1909.

My dear impatient children:

I HAVE no doubt that you followed my advice about going to bed early, though I know you would dearly love to sit up these nights and talk about all of the pretty things I am going to bring.

I suppose you think it very wonderful that I know just what every little girl and boy in the world wants for Christmas. And maybe you have been wondering what Santa Claus does in the summer time. If you only knew. I can't tell much about it because I don't want everybody to know the great secret. But I can tell you this. I have made a greater discovery than Mr. Marconi, who sends the wireless telegrams. In the summer, when my reindeers are out in pasture, I work all the time on this wonderful invention.

I HAVE it so perfect now that if any little boy or girl thinks of a red express wagon, or a doll, or a train of cars, or a magic lantern, or a sled, or a velocipede, or a toy airship, I think of the same thing at the same time. And, strangest thing of all, the name of the little boy or girl pops right into my head. And when that happens it is all written down on a machine which I carry in my pocket in the day time and which sits by my bed at night. I don't have to write it. The letters just appear on a long roll of paper as soon as I think.

I would like to tell you how the machine is made, but if I did that anybody could be a Santa Claus. There is only one other machine like mine in the world, and it is owned by the Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival Fund.

I'll be with you soon.

Love for all.

SANTA CLAUS.

Christmas Trees Cause Runaway.

The swishing boughs of Christmas trees frightened the horses which Louis Liebermann of 1010 North Eleventh street was driving along Manchester avenue, and the animals ran away. Liebermann was thrown from his seat on the tree trunks, and was dragged several feet, his face being cut by the jagged surface of the street. He was extricated from the reins by George Doolittle, a passerby, and was sent to the City Hospital.

Asks Police to Find Husband.

Mrs. Martin Annis of 1414 Biddle street has asked the police to help find her husband who left home Dec. 20 to go to work and never returned. Annis if 42 years old, six feet tall and wore a dark striped suit and a heavy tan overcoat. He has light complexion.

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PUBLIC WAITS TO LEARN WHO WINS $5 SHOES

Hundreds Send Answers to Druggist Puzzle, Though Not Competitors.

TO PUBLISH SOLUTION

Post-Dispatch Will Announce Correct Result and Winner of Prize.

The answers sent by bankers to the Post-Dispatch druggist problem will be published Thursday, with official announcement of the correct solution and of the award of the $5 pair of shoes offered for the first correct answer submitted by a banker.

Although the general public is not in competition for the shoes, it is showing an interest in the problem almost equal to that shown last week in the problem of the shoemaker, the druggist and the bogus $10 bill. Hundreds of answers to the druggist problem, a number of them from outside St. Louis, were received by the Post-Dispatch Wednesday. A few of the many letters follow:

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Your puzzle is very simple. The Page boulevard man gave the druggist a $5 bill and in return received $1, and later returns with $4 and receives back his $5. So the man is $2 ahead of the druggist.

CAROLINE LUEDDE,
915 Geyer avenue.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I read the puzzle in your paper and my answer is, the druggist is $3 to the good. I am a pupil of the Fremont School, and we are all wise.

FRED WECKHERLIN.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The druggist gives the man $1 for $5 in the morning; the druggist is $4 to the good. The customer returns in the evening to redeem the $5. He gives the druggist $4 more, which makes him $8 to the good. He gives the customer his $5, which leaves him $2 to good, after deducting the $1 he gave the customer in the morning.

V. H.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Mr. Resident of Page Boulevard, relieve your mind of all worry. You are not only square in your transaction with the druggist, but you beat the poor fellow out of $2. Shame on you! I am not a banker, but may be entitled to the $5 pair of shoes, for I may some day become a banker's wife.

A. I. L.,
2123 B street, Granite City.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Regarding that problem of the druggist, I have come to the conclusion that the druggist came out $3 ahead. It is very simple and if you would tell Mr. Jean Knott to "tell it to the Danes," I think they could solve harder ones than this.

X. Y. Z.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The Page man gives the druggist $5 in the morning and gets $1 for it, and keeps the $1 all day, and gets $4 more during the day and comes back and gives it to the druggist for his $5 he left in the morning. Then he has got the dollar he had all day, and that makes him have $6, $1 ahead. The druggist has the $4 the man just gave him, but was out $1 in the morning, so the druggist is $3 ahead and the Page man $1 ahead. It just takes $10 to make the deal.

F. G. NICHOLS,
2826 Franklin avenue.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The man is $2 ahead, because if he gave him $1 in the morning and $5 in the evening, that makes $6, and he only received $4, so the druggist loses $2.

JESSIE TWIGGS,
1207 South Seventh street.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

If I was chump enough to give the druggist $5 in the morning for $1 and returned in the evening and gave him another $4 for the fun of having my $5 returned to me, I would be giving him $9 for $6 and would be making money backward fast. This leaves me losing $2. Give me the shoes, size 7.

JAMES LEONHARD,
3900 Chouteau avenue.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

According to my calculations concerning the druggist's puzzle, both parties come out even.

AIMEE GUTGESELL,
7804 South Broadway.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In answer to your druggist problem, I will say that the druggist is out $1.

CHARLES HANSON,
4036 Clayton avenue.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I am poor at figuring and digging graves, but your problem is a cinch. I used to work in a glass works. I can see through this; the druggist is $3 to the good.

PAT CONDON,
3201 Arsenal st.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In answer to your druggist problem, I think the druggist is out $2.

E. KAYSING,
Of the Knock Along Club.

P. S.—Three years old.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Man on Page boulevard is ahead $2. The druggist gave out $1 in the morning and $3 in the evening for $4, thereby losing $2.

MRS. C. SPEROSS,
227 Virginia avenue, St. Louis County.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

This is the answer of a nature faker, relating to the druggist problem: The man gave the druggist $5; the druggist gave the man $1. Later in the day the man gave the druggist $4 more and the druggist gave the man $8. Now, then, the druggist was in $4 in the morning and $4 in the afternoon, total $8; the druggist gave the man $1 in morning and $5 in the afternoon, total $6. Therefore the druggist is in $2 and the man is out $2.

F. A. B.,
Alton, Ill.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In reply to your puzzle, your friend gave the druggist $5 and $4—$9 in all. He got back $1 and $5—$6 in all. Therefore he is out $3.

W. C. CLARK,
A Druggist.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The man gives the druggist $5, gets $1 and leaves $5 with the druggist. Returning, he gives the druggist $4 and the druggist gives him $5 in return, $4 belonging to the man and $1 belonging to the druggist, which he does not get, this leaving the druggist $1 out.

J. HICKY,
2309 North Market street.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The answer is that the druggist and the man are even.

M. KRESS,
2904 Hickory street.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The druggist is out $1 and the man is ahead $1, because if he borrowed $1 in the morning the druggist should have only given him the $4 instead of the $5.

GERTRUDE LYNAM,
2346 Adams st.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

The Page boulevard man is $1 ahead of the druggist, but I suppose the druggist will make it up on some prescription.

L. A. LANGE,
2619 Gravois av.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

If the druggist receives $5 in the morning and $4 in the evening, he receives in all $9. Giving $1 in the morning and $5 in the evening, he gives in all $6; receiving $9 and giving only $6 evidently he is ahead $3, that, I suppose he kept for his trouble. If I would have to give a pair of shoes to every Mexican banker sending the correct solution, I would ask George to pay for the bill.

RIC O. ESPINOSA,
Penrose st.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In reply to the puzzle in the Post-Dispatch of today would say that the "man" is $3 loser. The man gave the druggist in all $9 ($5 plus $4), and in return received $6—viz., $1 plus $5. Result: $3 loser. I have read the Post-Dispatch 22 years.

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Blown 30 Feet When Pot Explodes.

Tony Knogsky, a laborer, was thrown 30 feet and burned and bruised by the explosion of a sealpot in the water-gas department of the Laclede Gas Co.'s plant at Main and Mullanphy streets at 10:30 p. m. Tuesday. The explosion set fire to the two-story brick building and did $200 damage.

PUZZLE OF THE DRUGGIST AND CHANGE FOR $5 BILL

I STOPPED in a drug store on my way downtown to get a $5 bill changed. The druggist couldn't change it, and I told him to give me $1 and keep the $5 bill until I returned. He did so. In the evening I stopped at the drug store and gave the druggist $4, and he gave me back my $5 bill. I am wondering whether I came out square with the druggist. How do we stand?

BOYS FLEEING FROM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CAUGHT BY POLICEMAN

Two Inmates Climb on Netting to Roof, Then Drop to Sheds and Escape.

Emil Gross, 14 years old, and Edgar Earl, 15, slipped out of a window at the Industrial School while several dozen other boys were engaged in noisy games there Wednesday morning, and climbed on netting to the roof, 40 feet from the ground. They dropped from the roof to a shed six feet below, and from the shed roof, 12 feet to Gasconade street. A few moments later they were in front of Emil's home at 2749 Utah street.

But as they were about to go into the house, Policeman Moorkamp, recognizing the uniforms of the school, gathered them in and took them to the Wyoming Street Station. They were back in the school almost before the attendants had missed them.

Edgar Earl lives in Chicago, at 2389 South Twenty-second street. Emil Gross had promised, if they got safely to Emil's house, to fit him out with clothes in which he could "bum" his way to Chicago.

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Bottle Floats Four Years.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 22.—A bottle which John G. Davis threw into the sea four years ago, while on a fishing trip and in which he placed a card with his name and address, has just been returned to him. It was found a few days ago within 20 miles of the spot where Davis left it.

PHYSICIAN FILES SEPARATION SUIT AFTER WIFE LEAVES HIM

Dr. G. E. Krapf Says Spouse Wrote That She Did Not Want to See Him Again.

Dr. G. E. Krapf of 3407 South Jefferson avenue, whose first divorce suit against Mrs. Charlotta Krapf, was dismissed in October after she returned to him, has filed a suit in the Circuit Court for legal separation. He alleges the defendant pouted and sulked, that she denied him her society, quarreled constantly and neglected the household.

The final separation took place Nov. 18, when, the petition recites, Mrs. Krapf wrote her husband a note saying she did not love him and did not want to see him again.

In the first petition the plaintiff averred that socks and other wearing apparel which might have been mended were thrown away. The couple has two children, Margaret, 14 years old, who is in school in Dresden, Germany, and Lillian. The father asks for their custody.

CORSET STEEL DEFLECTS BULLET

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A corset steel probably saved the life of Miss Ethel Eitelhuber, when a shot was fired through a bed room window in her home last evening in an attempt to kill her. The shades were drawn, but as Miss Eitelhuber was standing near the window her shadow on the curtain gave the would-be murderer his mark.

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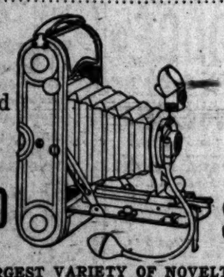

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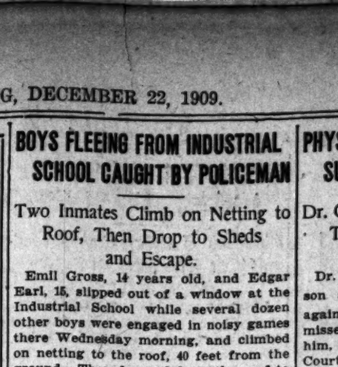

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Watches, gold filled $7.50 to $15
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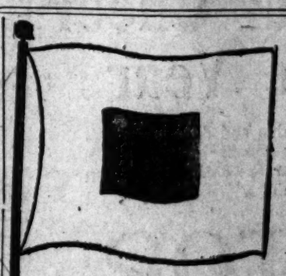

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Water Department Engineer to Supervise City Lighting.

Arthur I. Jacobs, engineer in charge of the supply and purification division of the Water Department, has been chosen by the Board of Public Improvements to succeed Harry Schley Sanderson as supervisor of city lighting. Sanderson's resignation was accepted three weeks ago. The change becomes effective Jan. 1.

Jacobs has designed several pieces of machinery, one of which is a contrivance for regulating the speed of an electric motor. His new position pays $2500 a year, $100 more than he received in the Water Department. It is announced at the City Hall that a man now in the Water Department will succeed Jacobs there.

ARCHBISHOP VISITS NEWSBOYS

Youngsters Carry Candles and Wear Vestments for Ryan.

The boys of Father Dunne's Newsboys' Home and Protectorate, wore white and crimson vestments, and carried "Trinity" candle torches as they met Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia Tuesday on his visit to the home. Archbishop Glennon, Bishop Hennessy of Wichita, Kan., and Col. R. C. Kerens accompanied the venerable prelate.

Announcement was made during the visit of the episcopal party that a new wing was to be constructed to the Newsboys' Home, to cost $35,000. The new addition will contain a gymnasium for the boys, large dining room, dormitories, and a room for printing presses.

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Brass Plaques	($ 6.00 to $ 20.00)
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16 ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING IN SLEEPER TRUNKS

Federal Arrests Disclose Plot Which Withheld $500,000 in Duties.

WOMEN ARE OFFENDERS

Baggage Shipped From Paris in Name of Innocent Passengers.

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—With the arrest here and in Chicago of 13 dressmakers not previously mentioned in connection with the cases, and the rearrest of three other persons concerned, the wholesale roundup of men and women indicted in the "sleeper trunk" smuggling cases was begun and more was made clear of the system by which the Government was defrauded out of more than $500,000 in duties in five years.

Twenty-seven indictments have been found, and more arrests will be made today in this city and probably in Chicago. Eventually persons in Baltimore and Philadelphia will be seized. Two arrests were made recently in Boston.

Behind the legal phase of the indictment lies the story of the remarkable scheme to defraud the Government, believed to have been planned and carried on successfully for five years by a former Government employe who resided in Paris and reaped a rich reward from the dressmakers. His name was Frank Fawcett. He was once in the customs service.

Names of Innocent Persons Used.

Fawcett had offices in Paris, and dressmakers turned over to him goods they had bought on their trips abroad. He packed the gowns, silks and laces in trunks and sent them to this country bearing the name of some innocent passenger who had sailed on a Red Star or American Line ship a week before.

At this end Philip A. Phillipson was at the head of the business, it is charged, and Robert Schwartz, the pier baggagemaster, was his assistant, the prosecution asserts. The trunks were landed from the ships with other baggage, but no one claimed them, and no customs inspector examined them because not called upon to do so. In the course of time Schwartz would get the trunks off the pier and to the dressmakers.

Five trunks were seized last March by subordinates of Surveyor Clarkson after the discovery of a trolley which could be used to transport trunks from the American to the Red Star pier. Two of these trunks were presumably the baggage of Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris and Mrs. John Mason, her aunt, both of San Francisco, but they denied ownership of the baggage. The trunks contained $52,000 in Paris finery. Soon Collector Loeb received in a roundabout way an offer of $100,000 to be paid to the Government if he would let the case drop. Then the offer was raised to $200,000.

Markings Aid in Search.

The contents of the trunks were sold at auction and brought about $35,000. Meantime the search for those who owned the trunks had begun. In Paris special Treasury agents searched the registers of every hotel and found the names of New York dressmakers to whom the goods had been consigned. Almost every garment had been marked with a small initial and these marks aided the Paris end of the search greatly.

It is expected that others than dressmakers will be involved in the scandal. It is believed that fashionable women of this city who made regular trips to Paris and bought large quantities of gowns there, used Fawcett's "underground" line exactly as dressmakers did.

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COUPLE WED TO SEE SNOW FALL

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DEMOCRATS IN DEADLOCK OVER A SUCCESSOR TO DE ARMOND

Dickinson of Henry County Leads Other Candidates for Representative in Congress.

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On the 185th ballot, the last taken last night, C. C. Dickinson of Henry County led the other three candidates, lacking but seven votes to get the nomination. The other candidates are J. M. Hargus, St. Clair County; J. W. Suddarth, Johnson County, and C. F. Newman, Dade County.

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JIMMY McALEER ACCUSED OF BLOCKING BROWNS' DEAL, BUT HEDGES IGNORES IT

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SPORT

HEDGES SURE THAT M'ALEER WAS MISQUOTED

Browns' Boss Will Not Believe His Old Manager Said Stone Had Hip Trouble.

BY JAMES CRUSINBERRY.

JIMMY McALEER, former manager of the Browns, who has now cast his lot with Washington, is being charged with blocking a deal between the Browns and White Sox, whereby St. Louis was to give George Stone for some Chicago star. A Chicago paper reported that McAleer had told Comiskey that Stone had serious trouble with his hip and upon hearing that, Comiskey called off all negotiations for the man.

It looks as though somebody has muddled things. In the first place, George Stone has never had any trouble with his hip and if he has now, it has come since the close of the baseball season. The chances are his hip is all right. So if McAleer said he had hip trouble, it would appear like an untruth, and as long as McAleer was connected with the St. Louis club, no one could accuse him of misrepresenting things.

When President R. L. Hedges of the Browns heard of the affair, he said at once that he didn't believe McAleer had said such a thing. No one who knows McAleer well could believe it, for he is one of the most upright men connected with the game. Some have even hinted that his great regard for the truth has hindered his chances for success.

It is quite probable the mistake was made by the Chicago reporter. It looks as though McAleer might have been talking to Comiskey about several of the veteran members of the Browns and included both Stone and Jimmy Williams. It is well known that Williams had trouble with his hip last summer and had to quit the game for a while on that account. McAleer was probably referring to Williams and the reporter thought he was talking of Stone.

There's nothing the matter with George Stone. He's as sound today as he was five years ago, and the St. Louis fans who have seen him sprint to first base so often and beat out a bunt or an infield hit, know well that a man with such speed could not have hip trouble. There are not more than three or four men in the American League who can go from the plate to first base any faster than George. He sprained his ankle last summer in a desperate slide for first base, trying to beat out a hit and was crippled much of the time, but there has never been any trouble with his hip. His ankle is now entirely well and he is expected to be as fast as ever next summer, for George Stone is still a young man.

The main reason that Jack O'Connor and President Hedges have for hinting at a trade that would involve Stone is because they are badly in need of a star pitcher, one they can feel assured will go into the box and hold down the best teams in the league. To get such a man, of course, they would expect to part with a good man. It is known that Charley Comiskey has been after a hard-hitting outfielder with the same zest that Hedges has sought a pitcher. So it was natural to believe that these two magnates would get together, for one had extra outfield material and the other was strong in the pitching department. The trade talked of was Stone for Frank Smith, though neither one of the magnates has admitted that a deal is now on. There was such a deal on a year ago, but Comiskey backed out.

O'Connor Wondering Where He Can Find Man to Play on First Base

JACK O'CONNOR is worrying these days on where he will play his young star, Arthur Griggs next summer. It looks as though this boy is destined to be one of the leaders in baseball and O'Connor as well as other knowing baseball men, believe the boy will do better in the outfield than on first base. Still, unless the Browns procure a first baseman during the winter, it may be necessary to stick the young hitter on the initial sack.

The only first baseman on the list now, except Griggs, is Claude Rossman, former Detroit man. He was tried out in the outfield last fall because he wanted to quit playing first base. He was not satisfactory. Claude is one of those wild throwers who heaves the ball away and loses games and that's the reason he was turned loose by Detroit. O'Connor does not want to play him on first base and Claude does not want to play there. So it looks as though he may be traded, for there are a dozen strong minor league clubs willing to give a big price for him and would probably let him play in the outfield too.

But that doesn't give the Browns a first baseman for next summer and O'Connor does not want to keep Griggs there. He is convinced he can make one of the greatest outfielders and hitters in the business of Griggs and hopes he will not have to keep the boy on first base.

So both O'Connor and Hedges will be trying to form some deal that will land a strong and experienced first baseman for the Browns, because it would hardly do to put a green man on that corner when there will probably be green men on second and third.

The man whom Hedges has always wanted is Hal Chase, the wonderful first baseman of the New York team. There was a time when New York would talk of trading Hal, but there's no use mentioning such a thing today. He is a fixture on that club, and if George Stallings, doesn't do pretty well with that club this year, Hal Chase will be in line to succeed him as manager of the team.

The other good first basemen of the American League are Stovall of Cleveland, Stahl of Boston and old Harry Davis of Philadelphia. They are all first-class fielders, and excellent hitters, and Hedges would be willing to figure on a deal to land any of them. Stahl might have been procured once when he shifted from New York to Boston. Now he stands strong with the Red Sox, and John I. Taylor would hardly part with him now. Cleveland might part with George Stovall, but undoubtedly would want much in exchange.

O'Connor wants to get his new team straightened this year. His scheme, as well as that of Owner Hedges, is to get rid of the wornout material on the club. He expects to build from the bottom up. That means it will take a little time, for many youngsters may have to be tried before one is found to fill in each position.

A few of the old men will probably be retained for another year to hold the team up until young material has been found that is suitable. O'Connor could begin the reconstruction of the team with just what material is now on hand. But he has other deals in mind, and hopes to put them through before the spring training trip.

Basket Ball Notes.

The Baker University basket ball quintette of Baldwin, Kan., went down to defeat before the Premiere Lodge team Tuesday night at the Louisiana Hall by a score of 54 to 16. The local players put up a splendid game, their passing and shooting being very spectacular at all stages of the contest. There was but one fault with the locals' play, and that was the inclination to hold, causing many fouls to be called on them.

Baker started off with a rush and a moment after the jump off, Center Liston sent the ball through the net for the first score of the contest. The two teams then played for some time before being able to count, but the next came when Hardin tallied the first basket for the Premieres.

This was followed by another from Roe, which put them in the lead, and from then on the Premieres could not be stopped. When the first half ended Hardin alone had 20 points to his credit.

The score at the end of the first half stood 26 to 8. The second was merely a repetition of the first, and it saw the whole Premiere team making baskets. Many fruitless attempts to score were made by the Baker players after bringing the ball within striking distance, through some excellent passing. Liston's field work was the feature of the visitors' play, and with Beaton were the stars for their team, while Hardin, Reber and Roe were the most conspicuous for the Premieres. Mike Walker refereed.

The line up:

Premiere Lodge (54).		Baker U. (16).
Hardin (20)	Left field	Osborne (4)
Roe (12)	Right field	Beaton, Miller
Riley (6)	Center	Liston (9)
McKnight (2)	Left guard	Counts, Beaton
Reber (6)	Right guard	Counts (4).

Jamieson

The Teutman High School five defeated the South Academy team Tuesday afternoon at Louisiana Hall and assumed the leadership of the intercollegiate race by so doing. The final score was 36 to 9, which indicates that the North Siders have made some improvement in their play since they won from Soldan last week. Coach Fuller can rest assured that his team will not win the cellar championship now, but he is going to work his team all through the holidays in hope that Yeatman may land near the top.

The whole team put up a very good game and held the Red and White lads safe the entire game. Capt. Stuewe and Schisler were the heroes of the victory while Schopp and Pank played the best for Smith. Mahood refereed.

The line up:

Yeatman (36).		Smith (9).
Campbell-		
Gruenewald (4)	Left field	F. Stanley
Schisler (16)	Right field	Pank (3)
Stuewe (16)	Center	Schopp (4)
Helberger	Left guard	Goldman
Koch	Right guard	Dylano (2)

CREDITORS AGAIN AFTER OLD CAPTAIN ANSON

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Capt. A. C. Anson's personal and other assets, were ordered sold by court Wednesday to satisfy claims against his former billiard business. The claims amount to $7000. Receiver Thompson said he had not collected a cent.

"We have not even money on hand to pay court costs," said Thompson.

The court directed that the personal effects of the estate be sold at public auction. Anson has lost all his real estate, and now, at the age of 58, the one-time batting hero of the National League, is penniless. Lack of business ability overwhelmed Anson. His habits are good.

Dreyfuss Finds One Player Who Breaks His Rules

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22.—Pitcher Bill Powell of the Pittsburg team has defied Barney Dreyfuss, and signed to play basket ball with a central league team. Today President Dreyfuss wrote Powell commanding him to quit basket ball at once, or suffer a horizontal cut in his salary with the Pittsburg champions for next season.

Powell's friends are claiming discrimination by the club owners, declaring that Hans Wagner is playing basket ball regularly. This is denied by the Pittsburg club owners, who say even if this were so, their order to Powell will stand, as Wagner always turns up in the best of condition. The club claims Powell injured himself by playing basket ball last season, and could not play his game of baseball last summer.

BOWLING

As was generally expected, the Duffys threw the hooks into the Witter Christens in their City Star Tenpin League match on the De Soto Pine alleys Tuesday night. The Witter Christens put up a hard fight, but the team was up against it, as they were shooting the Duffys on Nos. 15 and 16 alleys, the two runs in the city that the Duffys like best.

The Duffys took the first and third games, the Witter Christens annexing the middle essay. If Al "Wizard" Jellison had not been shooting such an excellent game and Frank Witter, "boss" of the Witter Christens had been able to shoot at anything like his regular speed in the first game, there might have been a different tale to tell. Jellison was certainly "on." He started off with a 220 game, came back with 222 and wound up with a 244. Yet some persons will insist that the "Wizard" is nothing more than a fairly good team bowler.

The Duffys shot three good games—947, 930 and 967. Frank Witter got but 187 pins in his first game, which the Witter Christens lost by 15 pins. "Heine" Schienk did some good bowling for the Witter Christens, his games being 214, 172 and 225.

The Blackwell-Wielandys did the unexpected when they took two out of three from the Fern Glens on the De Soto Pine alleys. Lukens was really the only man on the Fern Glens who was shooting up to his best game. His trio of efforts netted him 216, 206 and 193. Schariotte did the best work for the losers, with 186, 203 and 176.

Teams of the Woodmen of the World League bowled on the De Soto Pine alleys, the matches resulting as follows: Hickory 2, Elks 1; St. Louis 3, Choppers 0; Terminals 2, Mercantiles 1. Valentine of the Terminals, with a total of 515 pins, was easily the individual star.

Charley Anthony won and lost a match in the Rex individual tournament Tuesday, he taking four out of five from Schick, only to lose the odd game in a match with Bacon. Anthony averaged 182 to Bacon's 181. In the match he won he averaged 189. Schuttenberg took three out of five from Mates and Menninghaus annexed all of the games, with the exception of the fourth, in his tilt with Hayes.

The Duffys tried mighty hard Monday night to crack the Regals' high record when shooting in the St. Louis Tenpin League against the Grands, on the Grand alleys, the team averaged 973 2-3. At that the Duffys tried to give the Grands 45 pins handicap per game, and the result was that Drake & Co. cantered home, 3—0. Drake and Hebert of the Grands and Charley Stokes, Freddie Graeff and Al Jellison of the Duffys all averaged above the double-century mark, Stokes' 208 2-3 average being high.

As was predicted, the Hyde Parks got their chance to shoot on their home alleys, Nos. 15 and 16, at the Palace, Tuesday night, in their City League contest with the Fer Mil Lacs, and Langenberg's bunch, not fearing for the result of the contest, shot their best tenpins of the season, averaging 1006 1-3 pins per game. If Gus Schmitt had been able to loosen up a bit and Harvey Mann had been able to bunch his strikes there is no telling where the team would have stopped.

It was a foregone conclusion that the Fer Mil Lacs were doomed to a walloping, and they got it, 3—0. Charley Vandewater of the Hyde Parks again demonstrated the fact that it will take some mighty good tenpins, by any man, on any man's alley, to beat him this season, when he averaged 215 2-3. Deen was high, however, with a 223 2-3 average. Fred Langenberg started out shooting like a wild buzz saw was chasing him. He got a 231 game, but in the second fell down to a 171, but nevertheless averaged 201. The Hyde Parks are as the result still out in the lead. The Fer Mil Lacs did not shoot a bad game by any means, averaging 888, but on Nos. 5 and 6 at the Palace, against the Hyde Parks, they simply had less than a chance. Grupe shot three good games for the Fer Mil Lacs, getting a 207 average. If it had not been for Wilson's 132 average the team might have made it at least interesting for Langenberg's five.

It was funny the way the Regals, who last Tuesday broke the world's record on Nos. 5 and 6 alleys, had to bend their backs and hustle to get respectable averages on the hard Nos. 1 and 2 runs at the Palace, Tuesday night. As in the case of the Hyde Parks, there was no doubt as to the result of the match. The Regals simply had the Jaegers' "angora" before they went on the alley and proceeded to take three games, with an average of 855, which is good shooting for Nos. 1 and 2. Waldecker averaged 191 and topped the Regals. Martin Kern averaged 187, Schmitt 186, while Masson and Darling were in the 160s.

Kumpf of the Buxton & Skinners did some sensational cocked hat bowling for the Business Men's League when, acting as lead-off man for his team on the Royal alleys Tuesday night, he averaged 233 3-3, by consistent bowling, his high game being 250. The Buxton & Skinners whitewashed the Real Estate five to the tune of 3—0. In the other Business Men's League match the A. C. & Fs. took three out of five from the Grand-Leaders.

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ATHLETES ENTER RACE AT THE ICE RINK

Allen Shaw, former champion of St. Louis, Joe Forshaw, Weber Menges, Roy McKee and Harry Lang, the winner of the one mile championship race Monday night, will meet in the two-mile city amateur championship skating race at the Crystal Skating Rink, Cook and Channing avenues Wednesday evening. It is expected that the finish will come down to a sprint between Lang and Shaw.

THE new Missouri game law, which prohibits the sale of protected fowls and animals, has brought about a readjustment in the prices paid for guide service in the Ozarks. Before venturing into the wilds get Joseph to the following rates—one price to all:

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The guide does the rest. Does he roam the hills and hover over those prehistoric "signs?" Nix. He forgets our "after dark" shooting law, walks half a mile, pots a turkey and shows it to you next morning. That's a "feathered" guide.

The "hound" guide does likewise for deer. This sort is expensive as they frequently have to work themselves.

It's against the rules to accompany any guide except the one "without." Hunters are not allowed to go with guides unless armed with a quart. Must be bottled in bond.

And if accident should force him to lead you to quarry, be sure and lend him your smokeless ammunition. It's not in the rules, but it's customary.

Tom McCarey, the Los Angeles fight promoter, during his stay in St. Louis, told the newspaper men of this city that Bat Nelson's championship time was nearly over.

"The first good man who meets the Battler will take his taw," piped the confiding Thomas, cherfully (that was before his fight bid had been refused and ere his milk of human kindness had thereby been soured). "He has been to the mill too often; has been badly punished in some of his fights and, I think, is going back in endurance."

If this is true, a Briton has a splendid chance of holding a fight title of world's significance, for the first time in many moons. Freddie Welsh is to fight Nelson a 20-round go in London shortly. Welsh is a much improved man since his arrival in this country.

He is clever—so clever he beat that pastmaster of defense, Abe Attell, before he began to slip back. He is fast as lightning, and, while he has never been punished to any great extent, he is husky and game, and may take the "gaff" Nelson is sure to hand him. It seems entirely improbable that Nelson can get him in 20 rounds—and that spells defeat for the Norseman, the hero of so many desperately won melees. Nelson was never a point counter—just a plain fighter and a real champion. If he is beaten, Father Time, not Fred Welsh, will have put him down for the count.

Should Welsh win the title he will be the first Briton generally acknowledged as a world's champion since the days when Mitchell, Sullivan, Ryan and the heavies of 25 years ago were squabbling for glory and purses that seem like pittances compared to the king's ransoms for which scrappers now battle.

Bob Fitzsimmons might be taken as an exception, for, although of Cornish birth his fighting career began in Australia and never reached any considerable height until he came to this country to settle.

And the first time Abe Attell decides he wants to fight Jem Driscoll of England a long bout, put it down that another title will go visiting abroad. Abraham has gone the limit. He is defeating selling-platers with constantly increasing difficulty, and signs indicate he is at the breaking point. He has been in the game since he left the California reform school at the age of about 15 and fought in a rough school at the outset of his career. Abe is not old now; nor has he dissipated to the extremes that marred the careers of many of his contemporaries. But his success depends upon extreme speed. And after all these years of ring racing, he cannot possibly be the same phantom who, as a youth of 18, flitted about the ring at the West End Club here.

But even if Abe is at his best, Driscoll beat him at his best in New York and could do it better still in a longer fight, say those who saw them fence.

M. A. C. to Test Swimmers for Coming Meet

A handicap practice aquatic meet will be decided at the Missouri A. C. Wednesday night for the purpose of getting the wearers of the Cherry Diamond in trim for the dual meet with the New Illinois A. C. aquatic squad which is scheduled to take place at the Missouri A. C. on Jan. 8.

The events for Wednesday night are 50 and 100 yard swims, 100 yards backstroke, 100 yards breast-stroke, plunge for distance and fancy diving. Charley Grimes, one of the best swimmers at the club, will compete.

Grimes, who played fullback early in the season for the Barnes University eleven, but who had his ankle broken, is again in good trim and with a two-second handicap on Otto Schwarz in the 50-yard dash should give his old rival a hard race.

"Big Eight" Men Holding Session of Importance

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Football questions of importance are up for settlement at the meeting of the "Big Fight" managers being held here Wednesday. Incidental to the framing of track and baseball schedules, Minnesota and Michigan are expected to figure in the discussion.

Although the managers will have no authority to act on Minnesota's scheduling a game with Michigan, it is thought the matter will come in for a discussion, with the probability that Minnesota will be censured for breaking "Big Fight" faith.

WOLGAST NOW IN LINE TO FIGHT THE BATTLER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—Ad Wolgast of Milwaukee won the decision over Frank Picato of Los Angeles in a 10-round contest Tuesday night.

The hard-hitting Milwaukee lightweight took one step nearer his goal—a championship fight with Battling Nelson—by his decisive victory over Picato. Picato, however, stayed the limit, after a terrific beating. In the fourth round Wolgast knocked Picato down three times, but was unable to finish him. In the sixth Picato was sent down for the count of nine just before the gong. Picato outweighed Wolgast by six pounds, the question of weight having been waived.

The newspaper decision was unanimously given Wolgast.

Wrestlers Here Working for Jeff-Gotch Show

Roller, De Rouen and Other Big Wrestlers Arrive for Big Coliseum Show Saturday Night

Raoul de Rouen, the big French wrestler, and Con O'Kelly, the huge Irishman, who are to appear in wrestling bouts at the Coliseum Saturday night as a side attraction to the Jeffries-Gotch show, are both in St. Louis and will work out at the M. A. C. up to Friday afternoon.

De Rouen has a hard job on his hands. He is to meet Champion Frank Gotch in a 15-minute bout. O'Kelly will grapple with Dr. Roller. Roller is clever, but he will have to step lively to escape the bear hugs of the ponderous Hibernian. O'Kelly and Roller are also scheduled to wrestle 15 minutes.

E. J. McCullough, one of the managers of the Jeff-Gotch combination, arrived Tuesday and immediately got busy making arrangements for Saturday night's show. McCullough declared that up to date the Jeff-Gotch combination has proved a highly successful one, in spite of the fact that the company has a payroll that would make the average theatrical show look sick.

Jack Hermansen and Jim Ashbell, both wrestlers, and Jack McCormack, the big boxer, are expected to arrive Thursday. Jeffries, Gotch and Sam Berger, the latter also a heavyweight fighter and Jeffries' manager, will hardly arrive before Friday.

Jack Curley, advance man for Jeffries, arrived Wednesday morning with Dr. Roller, both coming from Kansas City, where Roller won a handicap match from Zybacke, Tuesday night.

Big Deal On Between the Giants and Reds

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—Manager Clarke Griffith says that if everything moves smoothly and no unforeseen hitches occur, a big trade between the Giants and Reds will be made within the next few days.

President Herrmann and Manager Griffith have been working together with Brush and McGraw for several days, and Herrmann says that it's all fixed now but the final trade. Outfielder-Pitcher Torrey, who was wanted by New York, will go there, it is said, together with two other players from the local camp. In return for these three, Cincinnati will get Herzog for second base and probably Fletcher for either shortstop or third.

That the latter man will probably be tried out at third base instead of Hans Lobert is seen in the announcements coming from Manager Bancroft that Dick Egan has developed into a wonderful shortstop on the Western tour. Herrmann said the deal will probably be closed before Friday night.

JACK JOHNSON WILL BEGIN A VAUDEVILLE TOUR LIKE JEFF'S

Negro Arranges for Fifteen Weeks Before the Footlights Before Starting Training.

BY ROBERT EDGREN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

JACK JOHNSON is signed up for a 15-week tour with a show, beginning a week from next Monday. After the contract runs out he will still have two and a half months to train for the big fight. Unless Johnson wears himself out on the tour this ought to be enough as he has been fighting regularly during the past few years. Johnson's show is an athletic affair, like that with which Jim Jeffries will be connected until Jan. 15. Johnson takes along some boxers and wrestlers. Kid Griffo and Joe Bernstein have signed up for the 15 weeks. They put up a very clever burlesque boxing turn.

JEFFRIES is already anxious to end his tour, although it is netting him at least twice as much every week as he ever made weekly before in any theatrical appearance. Jeff's heart is in the mountains. The day he arrives in Los Angeles he will take the first train out of town and go for a mountain goat hunt. Hunting will be an important part of Jim's training. There is nothing better than tramping over the mountains to develop endurance and wind.

Aside from that, Jeffries never did like the footlights and the clamor of the applauding multitude. He is a grouchy fellow in public. He likes much better to be away somewhere in the wild country hunting or fishing. In camp he's a jolly companion, full of stories and practical jokes, quite different from the gruff and short-spoken man who runs for his dressing room and locks the door as soon as his performance is over.

You have to go to the mountains with Jeffries to know him as he is.

Jeffries once played the part of Daniel Boone in a show. That was a part made for Jeff. But for the accidents of time and circumstances he would have been another Boone himself. He is essentially a frontiersman.

It happened that Jeffries grew up in a civilized part of the world. There were no more Indians to fight when he was a youngster. He lived in the outskirts of Los Angeles. But as soon as he could carry a rifle he spent all of his time in the mountains. He is a keen and crafty hunter. He finds game when others can't get a shot and seldom comes back to camp empty-handed.

Jeff would have been a great man among the old-time plainsmen who fought Indians and trapped wild beasts. Jeffries is a great shot with a rifle and revolver. His hand is as steady as a rock. I have seen him put a bullet into a post 200 yards away across a canyon with a Colt's automatic pistol without a rest. That's some shooting.

CHARLEY HITTE of Albany is doing well in Paris. He has won two fights. The second, with Bill Curzon (the fellow who broke three of Willie Lewis' teeth with a wallop), was a tough fight for Hitte. Curzon gave him all he could take until the eleventh. Then in a mixup Hitte threw over a swing that laid Curzon out senseless for five minutes.

BILLIARD NOTES.

Sheble will oppose Geisinger at 3:30 p. m. and Merrill will play Tibbals at 8 p. m., Wednesday, in the 18.2 balk-line billiard tournament matches at Charley Peterson's hall. Tuesday, L. R. Woodward defeated R. J. Nivrap, 200 to 178, and Willd defeated Thorn, 200 to 135.

Gene Knott, leader in the Newspaper Men's straight-rail billiard tournament, received a jolt that knocked him off his perch, Tuesday afternoon, when Harry James took his measure, 50 to 42. James is now out in front.

Botto was in good form in the class A three-cushion billiard tournament match at the Rex, Tuesday evening, and defeated Staley, 40 to 17. Botto's high run was 4 and his average .60. In the three-cushion handicap match Baloon, with an average of .54, defeated Parker, 25 to 18. Clearwater and Santer meet in the handicap match, Wednesday afternoon, and King and Moore clash in the class A match, Wednesday night.

Ralph and Arnold will meet in the three-cushion billiard tournament match at Pesch's, Wednesday night. Tuesday evening, Charlton won from Boner, 25 to 20

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BUDER—Entered into rest at Wicks, Mo., on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, Reinhold Buder, beloved husband of Emma F. Buder (nee Scheele), father of Reinhold, William, Charles G., Albert F. and Lucille F. Buder and Mrs. Adaline Ring, Mrs. Philippina Winer and Mrs. Mary Winer, and our dear grandfather, aged 56 years 5 months and 6 days.
Funeral from Shaw avenue Methodist Church, on Friday, Dec. 24, at 9 a. m. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

BUEHL—Suddenly, at Newton, Kan., Arthur G. Buehl, beloved son of Minnie H. Buehl (nee Kicker), and son of the late Henry F. Buehl, aged 17 years.
Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 2:30 p. m., from residence of George G. Kicker, 3201A Laclede avenue. Friends and relatives invited.

CLAWSON—On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, Carrie Folenious Clawson, aged 50 years.
Funeral in Washington, Mo., on Friday, Dec. 24, 1909. Remains will lie in state at the Alexander parlors, 2835 Olive street, until Friday morning.
Washington (Mo.) and Harrison (O.) papers please copy. (c)

CONWAY—Entered into rest on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 7:15 p. m., William D. Conway, beloved husband of Helen Conway (nee Selzer), dear father of Hester Conway and brother of Mrs. Daniel J. Coffey and Mrs. John D. Sullivan.
Funeral private, from residence, 3811 Easton avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 8:30 a. m., to St. Teresa's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. (c)

FLETCHER—Entered into rest on Friday, Dec. 17, 1909, at 9:50 p. m., Emerson C. Fletcher.
Remains were taken from Donnelly's funeral rooms, 1010 North Twenty-first street, on Monday, Dec. 20, at 9 p. m., to Union Station. Interment at Hartford, Conn. (c)

FRANKE—Entered into rest on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 5:30 a. m., after a lingering illness, Lulu Franke (nee Ritter), beloved wife of William Franke, dear daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ritter, and our dear sister, aged 25 years.
The funeral will take place from residence of her sister, Mrs. Bryant, 3965 Gratiot street, on Friday, Dec. 24, at 1:30 p. m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.
Bunker Hill and Alton (Ill.) papers please copy. (c)

GOOD—On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 4:17 p. m., Carl Kehr Good, beloved son of Philip and Tillie Good, at the age of 14 years.
Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 p. m., at Farmington, Mo.

HARRIS—Entered into rest on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 12:30 p. m., Emma Harris, beloved mother of Lucy O'Neil, and sister of Maria Hendricks.
Due notice of funeral from late residence, 2700 Baldwin street, will be given.

KENNEDY—Entered into rest on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 9:30 a. m., John F. Kennedy, beloved son of Mrs. Bridget Batto, and dear father of John M. Kennedy, and dear brother of Mrs. Joseph P. Lynch and Mrs. Charles Ischer.
Funeral will take place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Joseph T. Lynch, 4160 Ashland avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 2 p. m., to St. Matthew's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Deceased was a member of Composition Roofers' Union No. 1.
Trinidad (Colo.) papers please copy.

LYDON—Entered into rest on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 2 p. m., after a lingering illness, Michael Lydon, dear brother of Thomas J. Lydon, nephew of the late Michael Fahey and our dear cousin.
Funeral will take place from the residence of his cousin, Mrs. R. Cody, 1084 South Newstead avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Cronan's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends invited to attend. (c)

McCORMICK—On Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, John J. McCormick, relict Nora McCormick (nee McGuire), and father of James, Joseph and Richard McCormick and Mrs. Albert Mayhaum.
Funeral will take place from Donnelly's funeral rooms, 1010 North Twenty-first street, to Calvary Cemetery. Due notice of time will be given. (c)

McMELLON—Entered into rest on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 6 a. m., Emily McMellon (nee Clark), beloved wife of Horace L. McMellon, and mother of Harry McMellon, aged 75 years.
Funeral will take place from Stuart's funeral parlor, 5525 Easton avenue. Due notice of time will be given.
Boonville (Mo.) papers please copy. (c)

MALONE—Entered into rest, suddenly, on Monday, Dec. 20, 1909, at 10:25 p. m., John W. Malone, beloved husband of Nellie Malone (nee White), father of John Malone.
Funeral will take place from the family residence, 3622A Tennessee avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 8:30 a. m., to St. Margaret's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited. Deceased was a member of Fitzgerald Council K. of C. of Frankfort, Kan. (c)

REILLY—Entered into rest on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 11 a. m., at Kirkwood, Patrick Reilly, aged 78 years, beloved husband of Martha Reilly (nee Kane), father of Patrick H. Reilly and brother of Hugh and Edward Reilly and Mrs. John Muldone, James Lynch, Patrick Shelly and John Dwyer.
Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 9 a. m., to St. Peter's Church, thence to St. Peter's Cemetery, Kirkwood.

SCHRYVER—On Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 7:30 a. m., after a short illness, Eugene Schryver, beloved son of Jefferson B. and Fannie J. Schryver (nee Wolf), and brother of Mrs. C. H. Turner, Stella and Gertrude Schryver, at the age of 48 years.
Funeral from residence, 2320 South Eleventh street, Friday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m., to New St. Marcus' Cemetery. (c)

SHELTON—On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, Sarah Ann Shelton.
Funeral from residence, 1226 North Fourteenth street, Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 o'clock. (c)

STEEBER—On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 6:20 p. m., Jacob Steeber, beloved father of Frank, Charles and Forbus Steeber, after a brief illness, at the age of 71 years.
Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 p. m., from the family residence, 2160A Salisbury street.

SUTTER—On Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 2:20 p. m., after a lingering illness, George J. Sutter, beloved son of Jacob and Sophia Sutter (nee Ulrich), and brother of Bertha, Louisa and Jacob Sutter, at the age of 26 years 11 months and 12 days.
Funeral from residence, 2623 South Seventh street, on Friday, Dec. 24, at 8 a. m., to Assumption Church, thence to SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. (4c)

THOMPSON—Entered into rest on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 1:30 a. m., Ellen Thompson, relict of Patrick Thompson, mother of John Thompson and our dear grandmother.
Funeral will take place from the family residence, 2202 Franklin avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 p. m., to St. Bridget's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. (c)

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DEATHS.

TIRRE—Entered into rest, Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1909, at 7 a. m., Charlotte Tirre (nee Frowetter), wife of William Tirre, mother of C. F., William, Edward G., Frank F., Henry E., Fred W. Tirre and Mrs. Robert F. Mitchell, at the age of 72 years 9 months and 19 days.
Funeral will take place from residence, 1510 Franklin avenue, on Friday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m., to St. Peter's Cemetery.

ULRICH—Entered into rest on Monday, Dec. 20, 1909, at 6:30 p. m., after a short illness, Julia Ulrich (nee Doerr), beloved wife of William Ulrich, and dear mother of Charlie, Alma, Matilda Ulrich, and dear sister of Mary Wiedenauer (nee Doerr), Sophie Metzner (nee Doerr), and Louis and Edward Doerr, at the age of 58 years.
Funeral from residence, 1550 South Third street, on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 p. m., to the Old St. Marcus' Cemetery. (3c)

WEBER—Entered into peaceful rest, Philip A. Weber, beloved son of Henry Weber and the late Catherine Weber, and our dear brother.
Funeral will take place from late residence, 2012 East Grand avenue, on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 10 a. m. Funeral private.
Highland and Greenville (Ill.) papers please copy.

WINHEIM—Entered into rest on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 1:30 p. m., William Winheim Sr., beloved husband of Carolina Winheim (nee Burkhardt), and dear father of Emil, Otto, William J., Ferdinand and Charles Winheim, Mrs. Henry Gau and Mrs. George Warmbrodt, and our father-in-law and grandfather, aged 67 years 7 months and 14 days.
Funeral from family residence, Telegraph road, Oakville, St. Louis County, on Friday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m., to St. Paul's Cemetery, Oakville, St. Louis County. Relatives and friends invited to attend. (c)

WOOD—Fell asleep in Jesus on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at midnight, Margaret Douglas Wood, beloved daughter of Thomas J. Wood, and granddaughter of Mrs. Margaret Wood, aged 19 years 9 months.
Funeral on Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 p. m., from family residence, 3001 Montgomery street, to the Church of the Holy Communion, Leffingwell and Washington avenues, thence to Bellefontaine Cemetery.
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With tender and celestial ray,
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To guide us in our earthly way.

Clad in thine immortality
E'en now we hear thee joyful sing:
O grave, where is thy victory?
O death, where is thy sting?
Pass on, sweet spirit to increase
In every bright, celestial grace,
Till in the land of love and peace
We meet thee, dear one, face to face."

ZOELLER—Suddenly, on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1909, at 7:10 a. m., Applonia Zoeller (nee Schlundt), beloved mother of Fred Zoeller, Fannie Steudemann (nee Zoeller), and our mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, at the age of 69 years and 10 months.
Funeral from her daughter's residence, Fannie Steudemann, 1703 Geyer avenue, on Friday, Dec. 24, at 1 p. m., to SS. Peter and Paul's Church, thence to SS. Peter and Paul's Cemetery. (4c)

Notice.

W. O. W., No 5.—The funeral of our late Sov. George Kratzer will be held from family residence, 2240 Osage street, on Thursday, Dec. 23, 1909, at 9 a. m. Sovs. are invited to attend.

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COMB—Lost, 18-karat gold comb, inlaid, printed inside; near 15th and Clark; reward. 1414 Singleton.

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DOG—Lost, brindle bulldog, white breast; harness; reward. L. Hess, 1270 B. 3d.

DOG—Lost, female poodle, brown spot on back; answers to name Towsey. Return to 1251 N. Garrison; suitable reward. (3)

DOG—Lost, fox terrier, black ears and tail; answers to name of Baby; reward. 505 E. Whittier; Lindell 3333.

DOG—Lost, male collie dog, Monday, near Vandeventer and St. Louis avs.; reward. 2819 N. Vandeventer.

DOG—Lost, Saturday, brown water spaniel, white spot on breast, bald spot under left leg, collar, 12,574 license; reward. 1806 Ohio.

DOG—Lost, Llewellyn setter, color blue with white legs; nameplate on collar, with license. Return and receive reward. 4746A Hammett pl.

EYEGLASSES—Lost, eyeglasses, Reilly Opt. Co. case, Grand or Olive cars, 12th and Olive. Grand to Vista. Phone Victor 2316L; reward. (c)

GLOVE—Lost, seal skin glove. Kindly return to New Era Shirt Co., 9th and Lucas.

HANDBAG—Lost, black leather handbag, Monday in A. Vandervoort's; reward. Phone Forest 5532.

MEDAL—Lost, gold Turners' medal; if found return to Bernard Nordham, 1413 Salisbury st.; reward.

MUFF—Lost, lynx muff, Page car; liberal reward. 1884A Blackstone, or Forest 5587.

MUFF—Lost, muff, brown fur, large flat tails at top and bottom. Return 4722 Greer av. and receive reward. (4)

MUFF—Lost, large black lynx muff, Tuesday forenoon. Return to 4420 Farlin av.; reward.

OPERA BAG—Lost, last night, on Page car, gray silk opera bag, containing pearl glasses, beaded purse with $2.75 and key. Return to 6906 Etzel; reward. (c)

PACKAGE—Lost, a package, containing fur, stole, muffler, etc. Leave or return same to Grand-Leader.

PIN—Lost, tie pin, with white set, suitable reward. 1224A Ann av.

PIN—Lost, carved opal pin, with diamond in lower corner, green enamel; reward. Miss Markle, 4508 McPherson. (5)

POCKETBOOK—Lost, small pocketbook, in Baden, on Broadway, containing $9.40. Return 331A Antelope st.; receive reward.

POCKETBOOK—Lost, pocketbook, Tuesday, downtown. Return to E. McDonald, 833 Blase av.; reward.

PURSE—Lost, on Ferguson-Kirkwood car, Tuesday morning, purse, containing $10, bank certificate, railroad ticket; reward. Box M-131, Post-Dispatch.

PURSE—Will colored gentleman who picked up lady's purse at 4th and Morgan sts. Tuesday night return keys and purse to 608 N. 4th st.? Keep money for reward; no questions asked.

RECEIPT BOOK—Lost, aluminum receipt book containing receipts; offer reward. Return to Shanks Bros., 325 N. 3d. (c)

RING—Lost, seal ring, crest on top, Tuesday morning, Compton av. 3225 Ends; reward. (5)

RITUAL—Lost, Saturday night, a Pythian Sister ritual, between Finney and Laclede aves., either on Grand car or street. Reward if returned to 1320A Walton, or call Delmar 3808J.

SWITCH—Lost, blonde hair switch, on 7th st. car.; reward, return to Pfeffer's drug store, 2753 Chippewa.

TENPIN—Lost, gold tenpin, initials H L W.; reward. 3539 S. Grand.

WAIST—Lost, black silk waist, Monday, between High and Carr and Franklin av. to 16th st.; reward. Mrs. A. Clay, 963 Goodfellow av.

WATCH—Lost, small gold watch, open face, monogram M. H. N. Return to 1844 O'Fallon, receive reward.

WATCH CHARM—Lost, past master's watch charm, with red stone set in; inscribed on back, "Presented to Past Master Joe Swope by Corner Stone Lodge." Finder will be rewarded by returning same to Sol Hohenthal, De Soto, Mo. (4c)

FOUND

CARDCASE—Found, cardcase, Tuesday, at Postoffice. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (5)

CHECK—Found, check, on 6th and Pine, Wednesday morning. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (5)

HORSE—Found, stray horse, on 7th and Gratiot; owner call at 816 S. 7th.

MUFF—Found, gray squirrel muff, downtown store. 2620 Dickson.

PIN—Found, missionary pin, Dec. 11, on Grand car. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (3)

PURSE—Found, small purse in Olympic Theater, Sunday night. Call at Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (3)

PURSE—Found, small purse, on Park car, Tuesday afternoon. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (5)

SCARF—Found, fur neck scarf, Saturday night, on Broadway, between Franklin and Morgan. Call Lost and Found Bureau, Post-Dispatch. (4)

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Next Saturday Being Xmas

Send in Your Sunday Wants **Friday**

Employment Wanted

MALE

BAKER—Competent bread and roll baker wants position to learn cake work. Box M-98, Post-Dispatch. (4)

BARTENDER—Married; sit. as good union bartender with first-class references. Weisberger, 1121 N. 19th st.

BOOKKEEPER—Position as bookkeeper, or can do any kind of clerical work; good and correct in figures. 6163 Westminster place. M. T. A. (7)

BOOKKEEPER — Combination bookkeeper and stenographer desires position; handle own correspondence; 8 years' experience; $75 month. Box M-99, Post-Dispatch. (76)

BOY—Of 17 wants position in automobile repair shop. Call Victor 2318L.

CARPENTER—Sit., by carpenter, new or repair work; plastering. 4132 Easton av.

CARPENTER—Sit. wanted as carpenter on inside work, by experienced man; nonunion. Address Room 6 Wayne Hotel, 2227 Locust.

CARPENTER—Sit. by good, allround carpenter, on new or repair work, real estate or factory. W. Hoch, 1857 S. 10th st. (3)

CHAUFFEUR—Wanted, position as chauffeur by sober young man, with good references and Ford car preferred. Box M-129, Post-Dispatch. (2)

COLLECTOR—Young man desires position as collector; 2 years' experience in real estate office; can furnish best of references. Box M-160, Post-Dispatch. (3)

COMPOSITOR—Good; sober and reliable compositor seeks position; good references. Emma, 6424A Nashville av., city.

COOK—Sit. wanted as cook and carver in a saloon; experienced. Address Room 6 Wayne Hotel, 2227 Locust.

COOK—Sit. wanted as cook in short order restaurant; old experienced man. Box M-150, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Sit. wanted by first-class allround cook; now employed. Address E. O. Coffman, 4448½ N. Broadway. (4)

COOK—Sit. by cook, allround, experienced, high-class chef; best New York and St. Louis references; moderate wages. Box M-127, Post-Dispatch. (5)

DRIVER—Sit. by young married man, with experience as driver; sober and steady worker; or work of any kind. Box M-190, Post-Dispatch. (4)

ELECTRICIAN—Sit. as electrician; 2 years' experience running small electric plant or maintenance. 205 Pacific, Webster Groves. (4)

ENGINEER—Sit. by young licensed engineer, 3d C. E., graduate; steam, electric and refrigeration; 10 years' practical experience; nothing but first-class position considered; exceptional references. Box L-7, Post-Dispatch. (4)

ENGRAVER—Steel plate engraver, commercial engraver, would like position; good general workman. Box F-104, P.-D. (5)

FIREMAN—Sit. wanted as fireman or night watchman; best references. Phone Grand 1748. (3)

FIREMAN—Sit. by man who understands the business; not afraid of work; hotel, factory or engine. Box M-105, P.-D.

HOUSEMAN—White, neat appearing, trustworthy young man wishes position as houseman; can wait on table. Box M-149, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEMAN—Sit. wanted by a sober German, speak some English, for general housework; good home; small wages. Box M-81, Post-Dispatch. (4)

HOUSEMAN—Sit. wanted by unmarried German, 32, just arrived; speaks broken English; understands cooking. Box M-181, Post-Dispatch. (3)

HOUSEMAN—Wanted, by ex-seaman, middle-aged, position as houseman, yardman or porter, good allround cleaner, handy with tools; best city references. Box M-123, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEMAN—Sit. as houseman; thoroughly trained in dining room service, house cleaning and polishing; understands steam or hot-water furnace; can give references. Write to Chas. Golna, colored, care of Olane Goodric, 1409 Pine, I will call. (4)

JANITOR—Sit. by couple, janitor and housekeeper; man can do any kind of work around house. Fbc. 2408 N. 9th st.

MAN—Job wanted in restaurant by first-class man. Address 3131 Lucas av.

MAN—Sit. by young colored man as house or dining-room man. 107 N. Ewing.

MAN—Young man, 23 years, wants work of any kind; steady and reliable. Box M-142, Post-Dispatch. (3)

MAN—Young man of 18 would like position in machine shop of garage, to learn trade. 3942 Morgan st.

MAN—Middle-aged man wants janitorship; private; best of references. Box M-91, Post-Dispatch.

MAN AND WIFE—Sits. by man and wife to cook or do house or laundry work. Hattie Fagin, 2743 Mills.

MAN—Colored man wants good inside job, age 22, perfectly sober. Write George Hutchinson, 115 S. Leonard.

MAN—Sit. by young man to work in restaurant or grocery; best reference. Ad. W. R. S., 3131 Lucas av.

MAN—Sit. by young married man, 11 years' experience at tin work; willing to do any kind of work. Freeman, 4104 West Belle pl.

MAN AND WIFE—Sits. by man and wife experienced, allround restaurant man and woman, to run the same on per cent. Box M-151, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Position to work for board, young man, not acquainted with city; can tend furnace; not afraid to work at anything; no drinking man. Box F-197, Post-Dis.

MANAGER—A successful advertising and sales manager, now employed, would take up a first-class real estate or colonization project on liberal salary and commission basis; must be a really gilt-edged proposition for the investor and have solid financial backing; the writer has had unusually valuable experience. Ad. Miller, Nasby Bldg., Toledo, O.

OFFICE MAN—Office man, used to position of trust, desires clerical position; accurate and steady; best of references. Box M-90, Post-Dispatch. (3)

PAINTER—Sit. by practical painter, grainer, wood finisher; city or county. Box G-72, Post-Dispatch. (5)

PORTER—Sit. as porter, or in private house. John Crussbaw, 4402A Cottage.

PRESSMAN—Sit. wanted by a No. 1 cylinder pressman; experienced on jobbers. Box G-69, Post-Dispatch. (4)

SALESMAN—Sit. wanted as salesman for staple lines of goods; call on retail trade; best of references. Box M-78, Post-Dis. (5)

SALESMAN—Position wanted, Jan. 1, by wide-awake salesman calling on grocery trade 10 years; can furnish references. Box M-126, Post-Dispatch. (4)

SHIPPING CLERK—Young man, 19, at present holding minor position, desires change at once; 2 years' experience; good references. Box M-88, Post-Dispatch.

STENOGRAPHER—First-class railroad stenographer, clerk, secretary, ex-train auditor, familiar all branches railroad work, desires city position; salary $90 to $100. Box M-173, Post-Dispatch.

STENOGRAPHER—Sit. wanted by married man; 24 years of age; 6 years' business experience; as private secretary or stenographer to some official in commercial office. Box M-85, Post-Dis. (4)

UPHOLSTERER—Sit. wanted by a crippled, broken-down upholsterer, furniture repairer, chair caner, glazier, lather and shingler; out of tools to work with; desire employment at some kind of light work to enable him to obtain tools. Box M-144, Post-Dispatch. (3)

YOUNG MAN—Out of work, despondent, wants position of any kind; strictly sober. J. Morris, 3212 Belt.

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Help Wanted

MALE

BAKER Wtd.—Second hand. 2811 Wash.

BAKER Wtd.—Good third hand baker on bread and rolls. Ellch Bakery, Easton and Sarah.

BARBER Wtd.—For the rest of the week. 1809 N. 20th st.

BARBER Wtd.—Good barber. 1706 Chouteau.

BARTENDER Wtd.—Experienced young man as assistant bartender; references. Carr's, 115 N. 6th st. (4c)

BELLBOY Wtd.—Experienced colored bellboy. Usona Hotel, Kingshighway and McPherson. Forest 2840. (c)

BENCH HANDS Wtd.—First-class bench and machine hands, and one good man to lay out sash doors and store front work; to work in first-class planing mill; good wages. Box E-120, Post-Dispatch. (8c)

BLACKSMITH Wtd.—First-class carriage blacksmith. Fred Wagner & Son, 2340 S. Broadway.

BOOKKEEPER Wtd.—In real estate office; one experienced in the business preferred. Ad., giving refs. and experience, Box E-199, Post-Dispatch.

BOYS Wtd.—Two boys, about 18, to deliver circulars. 1706 Gratiot. (c)

BOYS Wtd.—14 years of age. Inland Type Foundry, 12th and Locust st.

BOY Wtd.—Boy to work in office; good future. National Lead Co., 10th and Clark. (c)

BOYS Wtd.—Good salary. Missouri District Telegraph Co., 314 Olive st. (5)

BOY Wtd.—To work in store and deliver orders. Kohn's Market, 617 N. King's highway. (c)

BOY Wtd.—To work in drug store, one with some experience preferred; good salary; apply at once. Grand and Arsenal.

BRICKLAYERS Wtd.—Two good nonunion bricklayers. 3137 Marriott av.

CHAUFFEUR Wtd.—White chauffeur; Locomobile; must have experience and city references; apply evenings. 4259 Lindell.

CHICKEN PICKERS Wtd.—At once, 25 chicken pickers. Max Atlass, Decatur, Ill. (3)

CLERK Wtd.—Experienced grocery clerk, at once. 1200 S. Broadway.

CLERK Wtd.—Experienced grocery clerk, single. Call 2200 Randolph. (c)

CLERK Wtd.—Hotel night clerk; first-class; give experience and references in reply Box M-128, Post-Dispatch.

COACHMAN Wtd.—Good colored man; must be good driver and to work around house. Box M-124, Post-Dispatch.

COOK Wtd.—A No. 1 cook; good pay. Wallace Hotel, 510 Chestnut st.

DRIVER Wtd.—Wellston driver. Apply Bailey Market, Bailey and Glasgow. (c)

ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN Wtd.—Experienced men for large railway system; good wages and steady work; no trouble; only good men wanted; must have good clearances. Box M-171, Post-Dispatch. (4)

ERRAND BOY Wtd.—Errand boy. 1324 Washington av., 8th floor. (c)

FIREMAN Wtd.—Cupples Station powerhouse, 8th and Poplar.

FRAME MAKERS Wtd.—Experienced on blocks. Magee Mfg. Co., 1017 Lucas. (8c)

GROCERY CLERK Wtd.—Experienced. Connor-Egan, Page and Union.

HARNESS MAKERS Wtd.—Harness, makers, saddle makers and collar cutters. Hess & Hopkins Leather Co., Rockford, Ill. (16)

HORSESHOER Wtd.—Good horseshoer. Call Kinloch 102, Alton, Ill. (c)

HORSESHOER Wtd.—For extra work. 2930 Locust st. (c)

HOUSEMAN Wtd.—To assist with general housework. 2008 Lafayette av.

HOUSEMAN Wtd.—Colored; ref. 4344 McPherson av.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

ADDRESSER—Young lady wants addressing to do; can write 2000 per day. Box M-121, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Sit. by first-class cook; good references. 8432 Hickory st.

COOK—Sit. by first-class colored cook; good references. 4119 Fairfax, Lindell 3545.

COOK—Sit. by competent white woman, cook or general housework; city references. Box G-170, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Sit. by experienced colored girl as cook or housemaid. 2804 Morgan st.; refs. (4)

COOK—Sit. by colored woman to do plain cooking, general housework; small family; go home nights. 2728 Mills.

COOK—Sit. wanted by colored cook, in private family; will do other work if necessary; references. Commercial Hotel, room 12. (4)

COOK—Sit. wanted as cook in boarding house; husband will board same place. Call 2033 Eugenia after 6 p. m., second floor, back.

HOUSEGIRL—Sit. wanted by colored woman to do general housework. 5253 S. Ewing.

HOUSEMAID—Sit. by housemaid and laundress. Call or write 2224 Walnut.

HOUSEKEEPER—Sit. by neat woman as housekeeper. 2949 Easton.

HOUSEGIRL—Sit. by girl for general housework. 1824 Tower Grove av.

HOUSEGIRL—Sit. wanted by colored girl to do housework or general work in small family; call or write, 706 N. Jefferson.

HOUSEKEEPER—Lady would like position as housekeeper. Call 1712 Olive, or phone Olive 2264.

HOUSEKEEPER—Sit. by middle-aged lady as housekeeper; can give city ref. Call at 4239 Oregon av.

HOUSEGIRL—Sit. by colored girl, aged 16, to do housework. Write or call rear 3217 Lawton av.

HOUSEGIRL—Sit. by reliable colored housegirl for general housework in family of adults. Ad. P. Williams, 2818A Lucas.

HOUSEKEEPER—Sit. as housekeeper or cook, in private family. Call or write 2209 Chestnut st.

HOUSEKEEPER—Young woman wants position as housekeeper in small flat for 1 or 2 adults; experienced and competent to take full charge; consider good home more than salary. Box F-196, Post-Dispatch.

LAUNDRESS—First-class laundress would like work Thursday; good ironer. 4132 Ashland.

LAUNDRESS—Experienced laundress wants Thursday and Friday out; good references. Call Bomont 2519. Miss Gray.

LAUNDRESS—Sit. by good colored laundress for Wednesday and Thursday. Call or write; references; 2801 Morgan; call for Georgie.

MAN AND WIFE—White, wish positions as maid and houseman in refined, cultured family; know their duty by experience; man understands care of stock and is not afraid of work; both young. C. Kersey, 3140A Olive st. (4)

NURSEGIRL—Sit. wanted by experienced girl to nurse or do housework. Bomont 1573.

NURSE—Sit. wanted by first-class nurse for infant or small baby or invalid; hospital experience; references. 3148 Cass av.

OUR dressmakers will make perfect-fitting tailored skirts for $1.50; waists, 50c; dresses, suits, accordingly. S. Willner & Co., 1246 S. Broadway. (8c)

STENOGRAPHER—Sit. wanted by refined young girl as traveling stenographer or companion. Box M-101, Post-Dispatch. (5)

TYPEWRITER COPYIST—Wants work at home; must have employment. Lindell 4092.

WOMAN—Sit. housecleaning or laundry, 3 last days in week. Mary Lane; phone Central 197.

WRAPPERS Wtd. — Experienced wrappers (young men) can get good positions with a good salary. Apply to Supt. B. NUGENT & BRO. D. G. CO.

Young Men Wanted
Salesmen for various departments. Apply 8 a. m.
SCHAPER BROS.,
Broadway.

SHOEWORKERS WANTED

BOY Wtd.—Strong boy, about 17 years old, to learn lining cutting. John Meier's Shoe Co., 711 N. 4th st. (4c)

CUTTER Wtd.—Good trimming cutter. Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co., Hickory and Mississippi, 5th floor. (c)

CUTTERS Wtd.—Lining cutters. Apply Full Value Plant, Glasgow and North Market. (8c)

INSEAMER Wtd.—An experienced Goodyear inseamer and rough rounder on men's work. Bentley & Olmsted Co., Des Moines, Ia.

SHANK BURNISHER Wtd.—Goodbar Shoe Mfg. Co., Laclede and Vandeventer, makers American Beauty Shoes.

SOLE LAYER Wtd.—A sole layer, also a joint maker on men's work. Apply Peters Shoe Co., St. Louis and Jefferson. (c)

STITCHERS Wtd.—First-class Goodyear stitchers and rough rounder. Hamilton-Brown Shoe Co., American Gentleman factory, 21st and Locust. (8c)

AGENTS WANTED

NEXT SATURDAY being Xmas, send in your next Sunday Want Ads on Friday and save Christmas day from business worries.

AGENTS—Something swell; sells out of sight; for men only; send 15c for sample. French Novelty Co., St. Louis, Mo.

AGENTS Wtd.—Either sex, to sell best photo locket; $5 daily easily made. Olive Studio, 720 Olive st. (8c)

AGENTS Wtd.—Ladies in small towns can add to their income by taking our agency selling tea, coffee, baking powder and extracts; cash commission; best inducement and premium.

ROOMS AND BOARD WANTED

ROOMS Wtd.—Two desirable, adjoining unfurnished rooms; one small; or one alcove room, with or without board; in Lafayette or Reservoir Park district; and where there are no small children; give description, conditions and rates, which must be reasonable. Box M-62, Post-Dispatch.

ROOMS FOR RENT—CITY

NEXT SATURDAY being Xmas, send in your next Sunday Want Ads on Friday and save Christmas day from business worries. (5)

ARSENAL, 3542A—Neatly furnished room; all conv.; small private family. (3)

BELL, 2923—3 nice rooms; put in fine condition for good tenant; open. (*5)

BIDDLE, 2115—Large, furnished room, with cook stove; light housekeeping; $3 and $2 week. (3)

BROADWAY, 2728 N.—Fine, large, front rooms for light housekeeping; cheap; also rooms for gents.

BROADWAY, 3107 N.—Furnished rooms for gentlemen; by day or week; clean, comfortable and convenient. (3)

CHANNING, 1011 N.—Two connecting front rooms, 2d floor; furnished for light housekeeping; gas range.

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CHESTNUT, 1101—Neat front room, 2d floor; gentlemen or housekeeping; $1.25 up. (4)

CHOUTEAU, 1411—Front rooms, furnished for housekeeping; gentlemen; hall room; $1 week.

COMPTON, 715 N.—Furnished and unfurnished rooms; bath; gas and all convs. (8)

COMPTON, 227 N.—Nicely furnished front room.

COOK, 3931—Furnished front room, 2d floor, for gentlemen or light housekeeping.

COOK, 3732—Nicely furnished room, closet, hot water, hot bath; all conveniences; reasonable.

DELMAR BL., 1466A—Front and hall rooms, finely furnished, for 3 or 4 gents. (3)

DELMAR BL., 4419—Nicely furnished front room, second floor; private family; one or two gentlemen. (6)

DELMAR BL., 3841—Large room, furnished for light housekeeping; heat, hot bath; phone; laundry; $3.

DELMAR BL., 4632A—Nicely furnished 2d-story front room; hot bath and phone; Forest 5968L. (5)

DELMAR BL., 3256—Newly furnished rooms; one hall room; all conveniences; reasonable. Forest 4217L.

DELMAR BL., 2917—Beautiful, newly furnished, warm, bright room for gentlemen; excellent service; Bell phone.

DELMAR BL., 4445—Two neatly furnished rooms, southern exposure, furnace heat; reasonable. Forest 5628. (3)

DELMAR BL., 5064A—Small front room, suitable for gentleman; private home; every convenience reasonable. (3)

EASTON, 3108—Nicely furnished connecting rooms, complete for housekeeping.

EASTON, 3012—Neatly furnished rooms, with or without light housekeeping.

EASTON, 3508—Two nice, clean unfurnished rooms; water, bath, gas. Inquire 1st floor, Morgner. (7)

EASTON, 3025—Connecting front room, complete housekeeping; neatly furnished; gas, bath, cook stove; $4.50.

HIGHTS, 1012-1014 S.—Two rooms, $7.50. Apply Trembley-Miller, 1113 Chestnut st.

EIGHTEENTH, 1740 S.—3 rooms, 2 apartments; light in each room; cheap. (5)

ELEVENTH, 1103 S.—Two large rooms, attic; also 3 rooms. Owner 1101 S. 11th st.

EUCLID, 742—Second-story front room, nicely furnished; all conveniences. (4)

EUGENIA, 2119—Two neat and nicely furnished front and middle rooms, 2d floor.

EVANS, 4012A—Two connecting rooms for housekeeping; running water, heat, light; reasonable.

FIFTEENTH, 922 N.—Nicely furnished rooms with cook stoves or heating stoves; cheap.

FINNEY, 3647A—Large attic room, furnished or unfurnished; $4 month.

FINNEY, 3701—Nicely furnished, well heated front room; hot baths; all conveniences.

FINNEY, 3832—Rooms, newly furnished, suitable for two ladies or gentlemen; heat, gas, bath.

FINNEY, 4147—Two connecting rooms for housekeeping; all conveniences, including gas; $2.75 week.

FRANKLIN, 3311—Extra large front room, hot-water heat; private family; every convenience; reasonable.

FRANKLIN, 3500—Large housekeeping rooms, $1.75 weekly; also nicely furnished front room; all conveniences.

FRANKLIN, 1618A—Large, nicely furnished front room, housekeeping; hot bath; every convenience reasonable.

FRANKLIN, 3500—One or two large front rooms, unfurnished; first floor; heat and gas.

FRANKLIN, 3119—Second-floor room furnished for light housekeeping; hot bath, phone; $2 week.

FRANKLIN, 3418—Two furnished rooms, southern exposure, gas, bath, furnace heat; $1.50; $2.

FRANKLIN, 3429A—Nice, light room, with conveniences, with or without light housekeeping; reasonable; investigate. (3)

FRANKLIN, 1611—Furnished front room; suitable for one or two gentlemen; southern exposure; 3d floor.

GARRISON, 304 (corner Olive)—Clean, furnished front room; gas, heat, bath, phone; $1 up. (6)

HAMILTON, 951—Connecting, clean, warm rooms; every convenience; $2.50 week.

HICKORY, 912—Neatly furnished rooms; also housekeeping rooms; furnace heat. (6)

LACLEDE, 3207—And 3433 Morgan; nice housekeeping rooms; all prices; single and connecting. (5)

LACLEDE, 3207—Nice housekeeping rooms, single or connecting; $1.75 to $3.50; gas, bath.

LACLEDE, 3414—Front, back parlors, housekeeping; gas range; single or gentlemen.

LACLEDE, 3551—Corner Grand, front room, neatly furnished; housekeeping privileges; $10 month.

LACLEDE, 3558—One clean, large 2d-floor front room, for gentlemen or ladies employed; furnace heat, gas grate, bath, hot water, 'phone; very reasonable.

LA SALLE, 1330—Large front room for light housekeeping; cook stove; also room for gentlemen.

LEONARD, 1024—Furnished room, for gentlemen; housekeeping; private family; $1.50 weekly.

LINDELL BL., 3630—Large and small steam-heated rooms, first-class in every detail; reasonable; moderate rates. (*)

LOCUST, 2702—Nice warm hall room, working girl preferred.

LOCUST, 3144—Front parlor for gents; also housekeeping; heat, bath, laundry.

LOCUST, 2702—Nice furnished basement; good place for laundress.

LOCUST, 2227—Just have 2 steam-heated rooms left; free bath; hot water always; $1.50 to $2 per week.

LOCUST, 2519—Front parlor, furnace heat; housekeeping or gentleman; small room; $3.50; bath.

LOCUST, 1308—Nicely furnished large front room; with housekeeping if desired, $1.50 and $2.50.

LOCUST, 3048—Elegant front room, for light housekeeping, with connecting kitchen; stationary washstand, gas range, good heat; all conveniences.

LUCAS, 3115—Steam-heated furnished rooms, $1.50 up; gas, bath, phone. (3)

LUCAS, 3412—Clean steam-heated rooms, 2d floor; hot bath, phone; all convs. (3)

LUCAS, 3020—Two connecting rooms, for housekeeping; bath; $3.50 per week. (4)

LUCAS, 3024—Two connecting rooms, 1st floor, furnished; coal range, hot water, sink; $8.

LUCAS, 3130 AND 3041—Light housekeeping rooms; gas stove, laundry, bath, phone; $2.50 up. (3)

McPHERSON, 3021—Nice room, steam heat, electric light, hot water, nicely furnished; reasonable price; convenient. (3)

MISSISSIPPI, 1718—Two nicely furnished rooms complete for light housekeeping. (3)

MORGAN, 3135—First week free; heat and bath; phone Central 6403R. (3)

MORGAN, 2911—Neatly furnished, bright housekeeping rooms, $1.50 to $3.50. (5)

MORGAN, 3228—Two rooms, newly furnished for light housekeeping; bath, gas.

MORGAN, 3250—Single room, hot bath; all conveniences; $1.50 per week.

MORGAN, 3320—Nicely furnished front room for housekeeping; $2.50 week; other rooms, $1.50. (4)

MORGAN, 3927—Two large front connecting housekeeping rooms; all conveniences; $3.50 weekly.

MORGAN, 3317—Two connecting front rooms, 2d floor, furnished for housekeeping; all conveniences; cheap. (4)

MORGAN, 3020—Nicely furnished housekeeping rooms; gas, bath; everything complete; $2.50 week. (3)

MORGAN, 4118A—Nicely furnished front rooms for light housekeeping; hot water and heat. (4)

MORGAN, 3500—Newly furnished all-front housekeeping rooms; gas range; phone; laundry; $3. (3)

NINTH, 119 N.—Rooms 25c up daily, $1.50 up weekly; bath. (6)

NORTH MARKET, 3726—Two rooms, completely furnished for housekeeping; $3 wk.

OLIVE, 3312—Nicely furnished front rooms, housekeeping or unfurnished; water and sink on 2d floor; $10 month. (3)

OLIVE, 3606—Elegant, large, steam-heated rooms, hotel service; $2.50 week. (3)

OLIVE, 1810—Housekeeping rooms, single or connecting; gas range, hot bath. (5)

OLIVE, 3814—Front room, complete for housekeeping; steam heat, hot bath, gas. (5)

OLIVE, 4100—Nicely furnished front and back rooms; 1st floor; $12 and $15; 2d floor, $10 and $12. (3)

OLIVE, 4215A—Beautiful rooms, couple or gentlemen; modern; convenient to restaurant and cafes. (61xo)

OLIVE, 3840B—Large, light, neatly furnished front rooms; steam heat; all conveniences; reasonable.

PAGE BL., 3520—Rooms for sleeping; also light housekeeping; all convs.; reasonable.

PAGE BL., 4515A—Fine, warm room; one or two gentlemen; private family; conveniences. Del. 3426J.

PARK, 1915—Front room for 1 or 2; $1 week each; bath, gas; also rooms for light housekeeping; convenient to cars.

PENDLETON, 1023—Housekeeping rooms; heated; connecting; gas range; private home; lawn; cheap; desirable tenants.

PINE, 3107—Very large, warm front rooms, cooking gas; good laundry; $3 week. (3)

PINE, 3219—Front room and alcove, 2d floor, complete for housekeeping; also unfurnished room.

RAYMOND, 5025—Partly furnished 3d-story rooms; housekeeping; no children; Page or Suburban cars. (4)

ROOMS—Gentlemen desiring steam-heated, homelike, well-kept rooms, constant supply hot water, location central, in private family, call Lindell 4391.

ST. CHARLES, 709—Newly furnished rooms, housekeeping or sleeping; heat, gas; very reasonable. (4)

ST. VINCENT, 3015—Furnished large front 2d-floor room; board. Grand 2553L. (3)

SHENANDOAH, 3209A—Large room, corner flat; furnace heat; travelling men preferred; Grand 1471. (80)

SPRING, 525 N.—Nicely furnished single room, reasonable; both phones; near car.

SPRING, 525 N.—Nicely furnished 2d-story front and connecting housekeeping rooms; reasonable; both phones.

SPRING, 512 N.—Nicely furnished front room; furnace heat, hot bath, private family; very reasonable.

TENTH, 1115 S.—Newly furnished rooms, for housekeeping; $1.50 week. (4)

TEXAS, 1804—3 rooms and bath. (4)

THIRTEENTH, 1349 S.—Front and back rooms, neat, clean; gentlemen or light housekeeping; single rooms. (3)

THOMAS, 3027—Two furnished rooms; housekeeping; cooking and heating stove; second floor; all conveniences. (4)

TWELFTH, 2300 S.—Room, complete for housekeeping; running water and steam heat.

VANDEVENTER, 519A N.—One large front room, furnished housekeeping; no objection to children; cheap rent.

WALTON, 1237A—Well-furnished room, furnace, hot water, private family of adults; kitchen use.

WASH, 1611—Nicely furnished front and back rooms, for housekeeping; $1.50 week.

WASHINGTON BL., 4753—One warm room, in strictly private family; phone. (4)

WASHINGTON BL., 3854—Neatly furnished 2d-story room. (4)

WASHINGTON, 1809—Furnished rooms, $1 week and up; also housekeeping. (6)

WASHINGTON, 2648—Basement rooms, furnished or unfurnished; reasonable.

WASHINGTON, 3812—Furnished rooms, single or connecting; one with private bath; for housekeeping rooms.

WASHINGTON, 2639—Nice, clean rooms, with cook stoves, $1.50 to $3; light housekeeping; opposite Coliseum.

WASHINGTON, 2631—First-class furnished room, for Christmas; $1.50 to $4; furnace heat.

WASHINGTON BL., 3810—Two or three connecting rooms, furnished complete for housekeeping; gas range, phone.

WASHINGTON, 2717—Neatly furnished front sleeping room; also housekeeping rooms; gas, hot bath.

WASHINGTON, 2651—Front rooms, 1st floor; southern exposure; all conveniences; gentlemen preferred

WASHINGTON, 2823-2826—608 Leffingwell; housekeeping, hall rooms; clean, warm; all conveniences; prices.

WASHINGTON, 3812—Connecting rooms, with bath; suitable 4 young men; continuous hot water, phone.

WASHINGTON, 4117—Nicely furnished, well-heated room; private family; every convenience. (4)

WASHINGTON, 2643—Parlor, 2d-story front; reasonable to gentlemen; hall room, $1; quiet; private.

WASHINGTON BL., 4115—Nicely furnished front room, housekeeping; hot bath; every convenience reasonable.

WASHINGTON, 3500—One or two large front rooms, unfurnished; first floor; heat and gas.

WASHINGTON, 3119—Second-floor room furnished for light housekeeping; hot bath, phone; $2 week.

WASHINGTON, 3418—Two furnished rooms, southern exposure, gas, bath, furnace heat; $1.50; $2.

WASHINGTON, 3429A—Nice, light room, with conveniences, with or without light housekeeping; reasonable; investigate. (3)

WASHINGTON, 1611—Furnished front room; suitable for one or two gentlemen; southern exposure; 3d floor.

WASHINGTON, 2648—Neatly furnished rooms, light housekeeping; $2.50 and up; sleeping rooms, $1.25 and up; gas, bath, phone.

WASHINGTON, 1235-37—Three light rooms and bath cheap for refined people. (1)

WASHINGTON, 3505-09—3 nice, large rooms, side entrance, gas.

WASHINGTON, 3329—First-floor, 3-room flat; light, fuel gas and laundry; $12.50.

WASHINGTON, 3103—6 light rooms, gas, etc.; good condition; Cass cars to Whittier; $12.50 month. (*)

WASHINGTON, 3228—Three rooms and bath, $16.

WASHINGTON, 1421A—4 very large, dry rooms; floor, $16. Green, 109 N. 9th st. (16c)

WASHINGTON, 3016-3016A—Large, new, 3-room flat; convenient car; open. Forest 2911.

WASHINGTON, 3904A—6 rooms, modern flat, furnace, tile bath, combination fixtures, hot and cold water.

WASHINGTON, 3906—Very modern 3-room flat; bath, hall room, hot-water heat, furnace; reasonable.

WASHINGTON, 3909—Well-heated 2d-story front and back rooms, with good board; reasonable.

WASHINGTON BL., 4219—Second-floor front and other rooms; good board; all conveniences; phone. (6)

WASHINGTON BL., 4411—Desirable room, southern exposure, hot-water heat, all conveniences; excellent table.

WESTMINSTER PL., 4010—Nicely furnished room; good board; all conveniences. Lindell 1551. (3)

WEST BELLE PL., 4145—Front room, southern exposure; furnace; hot bath; good board; reasonable.

WEST BELLE PL., 4175—Board for ladies employed, $4; second-story front, $10 for two.

WEST PINE BL., 3622—Large, nicely furnished room with board; Lindell 2401. (6)

WEST PINE BL., 4124—Board, strictly 1st-class; hot-water heat; for 1 or 2; conv. Laclede, Olive. Sarah cars. (4)

APARTMENTS AND HOTELS

THE DUDLEY, 4145 LINDELL BL. Family hotel; first-class accommodations; comfortable, homelike surroundings; room telephones; steam heat; popular prices. (56c)

ROOMMATES WANTED

ROOMMATE Wtd.—Gentleman roommate, nice, comfortable room and good board. 4010 Westminster. (7)

Houses, Flats, etc.

FLATS FOR RENT

NEXT SATURDAY being Xmas, send in your next Sunday Want Ads on Friday and save Christmas day from business worries.

ARMSTRONG, 1112A—Four-room flat, laundry, gas, etc.; reduced to $14. S. 22d st. (83)

BRANNON, 2631—3 light rooms, 2 porches, gas and water in kitchen; $9 month. (c)

ELLA, 6119—Three large, light rooms, water, gas, newly papered and decorated; reduced to $12.50. (c)

ETZEL, 5722A—Six rooms and bath. Phone Delmar 1216L. (83c)

FINNEY, 4370—Four rooms and bath, gas, $16.

FLAT—Five rooms, hall and bath, steam heat, light and water furnished; near Hamilton Hotel; $37.50. Box G-91, P.-D.

FLAT—$20 rents a 6-room flat; steam heat and janitor service furnished; extra inducement. Phone Delmar 667L. (8c)

GRAHAM, 1235-37—Three light rooms and bath cheap for refined people. (1)

INDIANA, 3505-09—3 nice, large rooms, side entrance, gas.

MINNESOTA, 3329—First-floor, 3-room flat; light, fuel gas and laundry; $12.50.

NEW ASHLAND PL., 3103—6 light rooms, gas, etc.; good condition; Cass cars to Whittier; $12.50 month. (*)

PENNSYLVANIA, 3228—Three rooms and bath, $16.

ROWAN, 1421A—4 very large, dry rooms; floor, $16. Green, 109 N. 9th st. (16c)

SHERIDAN, 3016-3016A—Large, new, 3-room flat; convenient car; open. Forest 2911.

SULLIVAN, 3904A—6 rooms, modern flat, furnace, tile bath, combination fixtures, hot and cold water.

VICTOR, 3906—Very modern 3-room flat; bath, hall room, hot-water heat, furnace; reasonable.

WARREN, 2521A—Modern 5-room flat; gas, bath, fixtures, etc. Claude E. Vrooman, 108 N. 8th st. (8c)

WASHINGTON BL., 4161A—Handsome room apartment steam heat and every comfort; rent $45; references required; open. (7)

WASHINGTON BL., 4745A—Lovely, well-arranged flat of 6 rooms, bath, furnace, etc.; newly decorated and refinished throughout; rent reasonable. John Wyman, Menamy I. and R. E. Co., 1308 N. Grand av. (16c)

DWELLINGS FOR RENT

AUBERT, 1816—8-room brick house; all conveniences; $40; key next door; phone Main 831.

BULWER, 7217 N.—Elegant new cottage, $9; one month's rent free.

COOK, 3843—Modern 8-room dwelling, bath, fixtures, screens, etc. Claude E. Vrooman, 108 N. 8th st.

GERALDINE, 2442—Elegant 3-room cottage; outside cellar and pantry; water and gas.

HICKORY, 2139—Modern 6-room house, hot and cold bath, cabinet mantels, laundry, etc.; rent reduced to $25.

HOUSE—Theresa av., near Bell; best 6-room house in city; rent $25. Greer, 109 N. 9th st. (16c)

INDIANA, 2915—8 rooms; also stable and shop. Rollas R. E. Co., 1138 Chestnut. (8c)

LUCAS, 3122—Fifteen rooms and bath; first-class condition; furnace heat, $50; basement and stable renting for $10. Keys in basement.

MARYLAND, 4202—Modern 9-room dwelling, furnace, fixtures, screens, etc. Claude E. Vrooman, 108 N. 8th st. Phones, Main 596, Central 880. (8c)

MINNESOTA, 3515—Brick house, 4 rooms, bath, cemented basement; gas fixtures, screens, shade and fruit trees. Apply H. E. Matthias, 5200 Idaho.

PAPIN, 1413—6-room house, will repair; $16. Herrmann, 1011 Market st. (6c)

STODDARD ST., 2724—6 rooms and bath; rent reduced. Trembley-Miller R. E. Co., 1118 Chestnut st. (4c)

WASHINGTON BL., 3702—8-story stone front with 10 rooms, large yard; will alter or enlarge; low rent. F. Churchill Whittemore Co., 118-120 N. 4th st. (83c)

FURNISHED FLATS FOR RENT

CLARENDON, 720A—Elegantly furnished flat, 3 rooms and bath.

FURNISHED FLAT—Five rooms and bath; all conveniences. Apply at 4701A Vernon av. (3c)

FURNISHED FLAT—Nicely furnished 4-room flat, 2d floor, gas, bath, $5.50; 3-room flat, gas range, gas, $4.25. Restaurant, 2345 Easton.

LOCUST, 2721—Housekeeping; 2-room flat; furnished complete; reasonable to permanent people.

TEMPLE PL., 1395B—Three-room flat, completely furnished, with bath; Page and Wellston cars; $20. (7)

VANDEVENTER, 2917A N.—Three-room flat, nicely furnished.

WASHINGTON BL., 4115—Flat of 2 rooms, completely arranged; gas range, heat and light.

WEST BELLE PL., 4401—Three-room furnished flats; fine condition; all conv. (80c)

FURNISHED APARTMENTS AND FLATS WANTED

FURNISHED FLAT Wtd.—5 or 6 room furnished flat or housekeeping rooms, with modern conveniences; state location and price. Box M-107, Post-Dispatch. (8)

FURNISHED HOUSES FOR RENT

MORGAN, 4028—Completely furnished house, new furnace; piano; low rent.

HOUSES, ROOMS, FLATS—WANTED

HOUSE Wtd.—To rent 10 or 11 room house, with furnace. Box M-97, Post-Dispatch.

ROOM Wtd.—Unfurnished room, not over $5 per month, within 8 or 4 blocks of N Grand. Box G-66, Post-Dispatch. (3)

ROOM Wtd.—Comfortably furnished warm room in quiet locality, within walking distance of courthouse; by lady employed nights; state price. Box M-102, P.-D.

ROOMS Wtd.—Unfurnished front and connecting room on car line, Page or Olive preferred; $18 month. Mrs. S. E. Gillespie, 3746 Finney av. (4)

TO LET—BUSINESS PURPOSES

DESKROOM—Both phones, $12.50 and $15 per month. Apply Room 1617 Pierce Bldg.

EASTON, 4299P—A fine, large, new store, only $25; 1 month's rent free. Bush-Burns Realty Co., 1105 Chestnut st. (c)

GRAND, 1000 (Corner Bell)—A corner store and rooms in office building; all conveniences; rents greatly reduced on same block with Odeon and High School; suitable for druggists, florists, millinery, music store, schools, etc. F. Churchill Whittemore Co., 118-120 N. 4th st. (82c)

RUSSELL, 4100—Office for doctor; good location.

TWELFTH st., west side, between Grattot and Austin; lot 220x224, on which is an office building 18x43 feet, and a 1-story lumber shed that could be altered for a factory or warehouse, 82x138 feet; will rent separately, alter or build; railroad switch on premises. F. Churchill Whittemore Co., 118-20 N. 4th st. (83c)

FOR COLORED PEOPLE

GARRISON, 532 S.—Five rooms; reasonable. (*4)

For Sale—Wanted

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

NEXT SATURDAY being Xmas, send in your next Sunday Want Ads on Friday and save Christmas day from business worries.

AUTOS—Closing out boys' 1 and 2 seated autos at less than half price. 2208 Gravois av.

COAL—Delivered, all grades; standard 9c, Mount Olive 10c, Sunlight 10c per bu. Liberty Coal Co., Delmar 705. (15c)

COAL—Delivered, high grade; standard 9c, Mount Olive 10c, Sunlight 10c per bu. Johnson Coal Co., Central 6612, Bomont 1085. (8c)

GOLDFISH—For sale; Japanese and fantails. Geo. Reif, 2806 Wyoming st. (8c)

NEW city map, just out, showing route of every car line; every street indexed and numbered; prepaid, 25c. Foster & Co., 410 Washington av. (8c)

OFFICE and store fixtures bought and sold. Max Merinbaum, 808-10 N. 7th st.; Central 4766L. (8c)

OPERA GLASSES—Beautiful, all pearl and gold, cost $25; price $5. 823 Holland Bldg. (5)

PLUMBING SUPPLIES.

Bathtub, closet lavatories, sink and complete line of supplies, at wholesale prices. J. R. GOLDBERG & CO., 1120 Chestnut. (80c)

POOL TABLES—For sale, two 4x8 pool tables, cheap; call after 1 p. m. 5530 Franklin. (4c)

PUPPIES—For sale, French toy poodle puppies; John Ramsey, 6947 Washington. (4c)

RADIATORS—For sale, new and second-hand. Stern & Goldberg, 1616-30 Chestnut. (8c)

RING—For sale, lady's beautiful white diamond ring, ¾-kt.; gentleman's fine white diamond ring, ¾-kt.; also handsome stud, ½-kt.; sell cheap; raise money. 1330 N. Euclid.

SKATES—For sale, 1 pair racing skates and hockey skates; very cheap. 2248 Nebraska; evenings.

WOOD—For sale, 500 loads of mill wood, $1.25 per load; by postal. 4448 Easton; telephone Delmar-3702R. (8c)

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

BARGAINS in evening and street dresses; ladies' and gentlemen's cast-off clothes bought. Mrs. Miller, 007 Walnut st.; Central 871L. Olive 1243. (55c)

CLOTHING Wtd.—Can use any amount gents' clothing; pay suits, overcoats, from $3, $10. Delmar 865; Forest 2538. J. Gelber, 4426 Page bl.; postal, will call at once. (8c)

CLOTHING—Highest price paid for gents' old clothing, shoes; postal or call at store, Yatkeman, 2300 Market; Central 674L; Bomont 1910.

FEATHER BEDS—Ship Frisco; $4, $20 bed, 40c lb. Levitt, 1331 Wash; Central 72. (8c)

CASH paid for diamonds, old gold, silver. S. Smith, 7 N. Broadway; Kinloch 1570R. (8c)

ANIMALS

AT all times, dogs bought and sold; all varieties. St. Louis Dog Exchange, 1916 Olive st.

CAT—For sale, Angora cat, female, 2 years old, house broken. 4252 Olive. (4)

DOGS—For sale, two St. Bernard toy pups. Will examine. 207 E. 3d.

DOG—For sale, setter, far ranger; well-broke; 3 years old. 306 Benoist Bldg. (73)

DOGS—For sale, one all-white Scotch collie and several nearly all-white puppies; pedigreed. Arthur Johnson, 1224 Jefferson st., Sandusky, O. (33x)

PUPS—For sale, thoroughbred Scotch collie pups. 6451 Marshall, Tuxedo. Phone 687J.

PUPPIES—For sale, toy black and tan puppies; blue ribbon stock; just the thing for Christmas presents. 1133 N. Broadway.

PUPPIES—For sale, fox terrier puples, 8 months old; cheap. 1918 Franklin, first floor.

PUPPIES—For sale, thoroughbred white spitz puppies, male; beauties; cheap. 1109 N. 18th, basement.

PUPS—For sale, pedigreed bull terrier pups; at stud, Satin Hermit, first-prize winner at several shows. Wm. J. Moloney, 633 Edmund av. (5)

AUCTION SALES

JEWELRY STOCKS Wtd.—Will pay cash for jewelry stocks. A. Blumenkranz & Co., 1502 Market st. (8c)

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS

BOOKS—For sale, cheap, full set, 10 vols., new Encyclopedia Britannica. John Colley, 6647 Washington. (4c)

BOOKS of all kinds bought and sold; call or send address to Mills' Book Store, 607 Chestnut st. (8c)

CLOTHING

CLOTHING—Bargain; tailor-made gents' 2d-hand overcoats, suits, pants; good as new, 2125 Market. (8)

CLOTHING—Gents' tailor-made, second-hand overcoats, suits, pants, good as new; at your own price. Yatkeman, 2309 Market. (8c)

COAT—For sale, fine fur coat; cheap; size 40. Victor 1879L.

COAT—For sale, fur-lined coat, size 38, suitable for automobilist. Inquire 5186 Ferdinand av.

OVERCOAT—Gentleman's black overcoat, new, medium size. 4518 Cook.

OVERCOAT—For sale, cheap, new overcoat. 821 Chestnut, room 204.

OVERCOAT Wtd.—To buy overcoat for 9-year-old boy; must be reasonable. 1927A Wyoming.

OVERCOAT—For sale, gents' overcoat, size 42, and fur cap; also boys' overcoat, age 15. 3723 Finney av.

RUMMAGE SALE, 2955 N. Euclid; Christians' Orphan Home; new sweaters and other desirable goods.

TAILOR-MADE gents' 2d-hand overcoats, suits, pants; good as new. 2634 Market. (8c)

POULTRY AND BIRDS

BIRD—For sale, canary, guaranteed fine singer, for reasonable price. 1415 Deer.

SEWING MACHINES

SEWING MACHINE—For sale, drophead White sewing machine, almost new; bargain. 2609 Hebert st. (5)

SEWING MACHINE—For sale; latest style Singer; used 1 week; bargain. 3036 Sheridan.

SEWING MACHINE—For sale; $65; very cheap; call after 6:30 in evening. 3635 Cozens av.

BUY NOW—Don't delay, see our regular $30 drophead we are selling for $15.50; used dropheads, from $8 up; used box-top machines, $3; machines rented, $1.50 to $3 a month; all makes repaired for $1. New Home Sewing Machine Parlors, 1208-10 Franklin. Main 2778, Central 5500. (5c)

STORE AND OFFICE FIXTURES

FOUNTAIN—For sale, soda fountain outfit, half price; must sell today. 1027 East Grand.

TYPEWRITERS

TYPEWRITER Wtd.—Exchange couch or violin for typewriter. Furniture, 1922 Gravois.

REBUILT typewriter bargains; Oliver, Underwood, Remington, Smith, Royal, $15, $25 and $50; rentals, 3 months, $5. St. Louis Typewriter Exchange, Holland Bldg. (83x)

$100 Typewriters $10, $15, $25. All makes of typewriters; largest stock; lowest prices; rents 3 months. ST. LOUIS TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE, 3d floor, Holland Bldg. Phones: Main 1162, Central 6638. (5)

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE

NEXT SATURDAY being Xmas, send in your next Sunday Want Ads on Friday and save Christmas day from business worries. (5)

AXMINSTER rugs, complete furnishings, apartment, parlor and dining suits, dressers, chiffoniers, brass and Vernis-Martin beds, immediately. 4029 McPherson. (4)

AXMINSTER RUGS—Entire furnishings beautiful residence; must be sold immediately; Early English dining furniture, leather mahogany parlor furniture, weathered library suit, beautiful bedroom furnishings, bookcase, davenport, fine piano, etc.; separately; great chance for those starting housekeeping; call immediately. 3807 Westminster pl. (4)

AXMINSTER RUGS, ETC.—Am leaving city, must sacrifice contents of beautiful home immediately; leather parlor suite, dining set, brass beds, dresser, chiffoniers, davenport, bachelor's wardrobe, library furniture, elegant piano, etc.; sell separately; great chance for party starting housekeeping. 1205 N. Grand. (4)

BACHELOR wardrobe, piano, leather parlor furniture, davenport, brass bed, oak chiffonier, dresser, dining furniture, rugs, etc.; must sell immediately. 1614 S. Compton. (4c)

BACHELOR'S WARDROBE, ETC.—Family leaving city must sell contents of flat, immediately; parlor, dining room, bedrooms, brass beds, leather davenport, rugs, mahogany piano, etc.; separately or altogether; big sacrifice; call today. 1244 S. Jefferson av. (4)

BASEBURNER—For sale, fine Radiant Home baseburner and 3 heating stoves. 1144 Euclid av., Delmar 3296L.

BEDROOM SUIT—For sale, nice bedroom suit; no dealers. 5a Lelet, P.-D. (5)

CARPET—For sale, 20 yards rag carpet, lace curtains, oak hall rack, kitchen table. Box G-139, Post-Dispatch.

CHAIRS—For sale, mahogany chairs, rockers, tables, writing desk, dining room chairs, combination bookcase and desk, clocks, lace curtains; nearly new. 3633 McPherson av.

DAVENPORT—For sale, parlor set, axminster rug, Morris chair, library table, Smyrna rug, $1. 4319 Morgan. (58x)

DAVENPORT—For sale, leather davenport couch, $14, cost $35; large mahogany dresser, $14, cost $35; room rug, $5; cherry center table; must sell today; leaving city. 3406 Laclede.

DINING CHAIRS—For sale, dining chairs, sideboard and table, new; factory samples, cheap. 1932 Gravois.

FOLDING BEDS—For sale; fine lot oak folding beds; cash or credit. McCloy, 1494 Franklin av. (8c)

FURNITURE—For sale, dining table, other goods; selling out; dealers need not call. 3312 Washington.

FURNITURE—For sale; furniture, carpets and stoves; everything pertaining to the home; cash or credit. McClay, 1454 Franklin av. (8c)

FURNITURE—For sale; strictly modern, slightly used furniture, less than half wholesale price; free packing and shipping to country buyers; free R. R. ticket home with $30 sale. McClay, 1434 Franklin. (8c)

FURNITURE—For sale, furniture, contents 5-room flat, elegant dining-room set; also pawn tickets for three diamond rings; ladies' cluster, $125; 3-stone, $25; diamond and sapphire, $15. 2300 S. 13th.

OIL PAINTINGS—Good chance for some fine oil paintings; also piano, but short time; also some fine axminster rugs. Victor 1879L. (c)

RUGS—For sale, Axminster, velvet, brussels, all sizes; closing them out for storage charges. Chicago Carpet Cleaning Co., 3825 Finney av.

FURNITURE—For sale, cheap, furniture, bedroom suits, $9; iron springs, $1.25; feather pillows, $1.50 per pair; full sheets, $4.50; children's beds, with drop sides, $3.90; gas fixtures, 25c; ladies' desks, $4; folding beds, 15x40 French plate mirror, $12.60; golden oak mantel bed, with best woven-wire spring, $3.80; oak sideboard, $5.50; oak extension table, $6.85; kitchen cabinet, $3.60; hard-coal baseburners, $7; Superior radiators, $16; Moore's air-tight heaters, $16; large size Wilson heater, $11; large hot-blast heater, $9.50; Brussels room rugs, $9; ingrain room rugs, $2.50; parlor davenports, $18; odd parlor chairs, $2; odd parlor settees, $4. We furnish 3 rooms complete for $85, including heating stove and range, for $6 cash and $5 per month. H. Walker Furniture Co., 1219-1221 Soruce. 2d floor. (4c)

MUSIC BOX—For sale, 1 large music box and hard-coal heater; cheap. 2722 Caroline.

RANGE—For sale, Buck's 6-hole range, $7. 3737 Mafflt av. (6c)

STOVES—For sale, two soft coal heaters; good reason, 4106 Natural Bridge rd. (5)

STOVE—For sale, nice heating stove, price $3.50. 1242 Elliot.

ALL KINDS OF SNAPS.
Edw. A. Langan Furniture Co.
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We are headquarters for all kinds of furniture, new and slightly used; a few of our snaps are: $12 new felt mattresses for $6.50; only one to a customer; $12 iron Vernis Martin beds for $8.50, and other goods in proportion. Furniture Wtd. also rent furniture. We also move, store and pack goods. We also buy any goods you have to sell. Give us a call. 2014 Morgan st.; Bomont 390, Central 5053. After business hours and Sunday, call Forest 7816. (8c)

HOUSEHOLD GOODS WANTED

FEATHER beds, pillows wanted, for shipment; pay bed, $5, $25 or 35c pound. Delmar 865, Forest 2538. J. Gelber, 4426 Page bl. (8c)

FURNITURE Wtd.—Furniture, carpets, contents of flats and dwellings, October, 4518 Page; Delmar 2985L, Forest 3850.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS Wtd.—Badly; send postal. McClay, 1434 Franklin; Central 5478, Olive 3133.

IRON rooms for storing furniture; money advanced; furniture bought. Prices 50% on bonded warehouse. 2618 Franklin. Bomont 165, Central 5888R. (8)

A SURE, quick sale; best price for furniture and carpets. Keiner, 215 S. 14th City 4221R. (21xc)

ALWAYS phone us or send postal before selling your household goods and stoves; highest price paid. Bensinger's, Central 6025, 3102 Franklin. (14c)

BEFORE moving sell furniture and feathers you don't want; postal. Ashton, Jefferson and La Salle st. (4)

BEST price for furniture of all kinds; buy entire contents residences and flats. 3615 Laclede ave.; phone Delmar 2985L, Lindell 4741. R. U. Leonori Auc. & Storage Co. (8c)

CASH for household goods, stock in stores, office furnishings, etc. O. Hast, 1144 Euclid av. Send card or phone Delmar 3296L, Forest 984. (14c)

CONTENTS dwellings bought; secure our bid. Dickson, 4068 Olive; Lin. 1038, Del. 3740L. (4)

HERMAN will call at once and pay you cash for your household goods; give us a call before selling. 313 S. 14th st. Central 3503. (8c)

I WILL call at once and pay highest prices for household goods. J. K., 1630 Carr. (8c)

LEVY BROS. pay best cash price for furniture; sure sale. 3120 Easton av. Central 8071R. (8c)

SPOT CASH for household goods, large or small lots; contents of houses or stores; don't sell until you get our bid. Stoecker & Price Storage and Auc. Co., 2009 Morgan st., Central 7002R. Bomont 685. (8c)

AUTOMOBILES

AUTOMOBILE—For sale, second-hand 5-passenger Oldsmobile, at a bargain. Kardell Bros., 309 N. Main. (5c)

AUTOMOBILE—For sale, 1908 7-passenger Packard with top, glass front, speedometer, gas tank, tools and lamps, complete; a bargain. Call Forest 8854. (6c)

RUNABOUT—For sale, 2-cylinder runabout; good condition; bargain; $250. 4300 Olive st. (6c)

VICTOR automobiles, $500 to $1000; catalog free. Victor Auto Co., Boyle and Papin. (8c)

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From high-priced loan companies when we will loan you any amount on your own terms and reasonable rates? We never remove your goods. Call, write or phone Main 2236, Central 3004.
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OUR rate is LOWER than the LOWEST.
WE do not charge a commission.
WE accept small monthly payments.
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Pianos, horses, wagons. If you need any, I will get same for you at following rates:
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You want it quick. You also want it at the CHEAPEST RATES you can get. This is but natural and if it be your case, and you need money quick and at LOW RATES, COME TO US. We will loan you any amount you need in sums of from $10 to $200 on your furniture, pianos, etc. Payable in small weekly or monthly payments. And will give you the best treatment and fairest terms of any place in the city, especially when sick or out of work.
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On furniture or piano without goods being removed, and strictly confidential. No inquiries of friends, neighbors, relatives or employers. No embarrassing questions. Just your word. We are the oldest loan office in St. Louis. Our rates are the very lowest, and you can arrange payments to suit your income. If sick or out of work, we will take care of you. When you borrow money, see us. We will treat you right. Call, write or telephone. Our confidential agent will call. Cent. 3590, Main 5203.
NEW YORK FINANCE CO., EST. 1889,
208 ODD FELLOWS BLDG., 816 OLIVE ST. (56c)

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DEEDS OF TRUST—Have extra good second deeds of trust on new brick cottages for sale; will give 20 per cent discount. Box E-198, Post-Dispatch. (8c)

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And all kinds of real estate loans; no delay.
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I have money to loan in sums of $300 and upward on first-class St. Louis city real estate securities, at lowest rates of interest and commission, according to security offered.
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VERY LOWEST RATES.
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Real Estate

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Steam-Heated Apartments

6128-32 Waterman av.; 5 rooms, steam heat; janitor service; will decorate to suit tenant; rent, $45; open.
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$100 GIVEN AWAY.
Rent an apartment in the "Maples," 6002-10 Maple av., handsome new 6-room apartments; hardwood floors and finish; rooms exceptionally large and light, with ample closets; handsome fixtures; most modern equipment; will decorate to suit; steam heat, janitor service, hot water; rent $45 and $50; rent free to Feb. 25, 1910.
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Five rooms, bath, heat, janitor, screens, comb. fixtures; first or third floor; rent cheap. 3552 Whittier st.
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(Opp. west entrance Washington terrace.)
One of 5 rooms, another of 7 rooms; modern and complete; decorated to suit tenant; all outside rooms; steam heat; hardwood throughout; janitor always ready to show you through.
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2d and 3d floors, s. e. corner Third and Washington av.; suitable light manufacturing or any kind business; entrance, Third street; rent $25 and $25 per month, respectively. Apply to SIDNEY SCHARFF,
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HOUSE—For sale; bargain; 2111 Blendon pl.; pretty 7-room; finished basement; furnace, gas, electric lights, fixtures, bath, attic; terms; open. (8c)

WHEN looking for a suburban home or a farm do not overlook Kirkwood—beautiful Kirkwood—and its surrounding country. Have what you want. Write for catalogue. BENJ. F. THOMAS, Kirkwood, Mo. (8c)

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LAND—For sale, 4½ acres in Kirkwood; good 5-room house; good new barn; for quick sale, $2500.
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FARM—For sale, 133 acres, in Bollinger County; 100 valley and hill ground and 33 acres bottom; good house, 2 cisterns, good outbuildings; bottom ground will raise 65 to 100 bushels corn to an acre; for quick sale, $25 per acre; 1 mile from school, church and railroad station.
HOUGH REALTY CO., Kirkwood, Mo. (83c)

FARM—For sale, 40-acre farm in Indiana; good 4-room house; 30 acres farm land and 10 acres young timber; 3 miles from town. E. N. Ford, Hillview, Ill. (1c)

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Owner fine ranch will sell small tracts desirable people exceptionally cheap to secure good neighbors; immense returns fruit, nuts, alfalfa, chickens; fine opportunity for right people with small capital; easy terms; an ideal home. Write now. M. B. Palmer, 3412 Lucas av., St. Louis, Mo. (4c)

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8-room brick residence; hot-water heat, granitoid cellar, etc.; lot 45x145; 2-story brick stable in rear. This house is centrally located and can be bought at a bargain, as owner must sell before Jan. 1, 1910. For further information, see
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Marriages, Births and Deaths

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Gilbert F. Splaine ..... Great Falls, Mont
Grayce D. Eggleston ..... 3522½ Clark
Sam Rechtman ..... 2916 Dickson
Lily Glassman ..... 910 High
Edw. J. Brock ..... 1100 S. 4th
Louise L. Kropp ..... 1211A St. Anne
John H. Reese ..... 1702 Lucas
Mrs. Mary E. Haynes ..... 1739 Lucas
Oliver Taylor ..... Wayne City, Ill
Emma Forth ..... Wayne City, Ill
James Tayler ..... Bushton, Ill
Mrs. Frances Eva Garrigan ..... Bushton, Ill
Fred F. Mack ..... 2314 Salena
Mathilda Peters ..... 1021 Lynch
Benjamin van Gulik ..... Springfield, Ill
Mrs. Phebe Atwood ..... Springfield, Ill
Charles W. Rhine ..... Morrisonville, Ill
Bertha M. Hill ..... Morrisonville, Ill
George Wright ..... St. Louis
Mrs. Minnie M. Bullock ..... St. Louis
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Julia Stanley ..... 3038 Lambdin
Oscar Berger ..... 1453 Biddle
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Esther M. C. Shaw ..... 6607 Hancock
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William Drangle ..... 922 Gratiot
Malinda Mosley ..... Tudorville, Ill
Morris Samuels ..... 1838 O'Fallon
Fanny Shaltupsky ..... 1810 O'Fallon
Robert A. Lloyd ..... 3850 Connecticut
Myrtle J. Peters ..... 2904 Dickson
Paul Jeffries ..... Aurora, Ind
Ivory A. Hoover ..... Kinloch Park, Mo
Peter Risel ..... 2613 S. 7th
Mary Vareck ..... 2128 Geyer
Adolph McAllister Isaacs ..... Macon, Ga
Eloise Bernd ..... 4225 McPherson
George Toni ..... 3833 Manchester
Lena Capet ..... 3833 Manchester
L. Walter Dittmar ..... 701 S. Broadway
Emilie Gerke ..... 2611 Thomas
John Wilson ..... Sparta, Ill
Carrie Jenkins ..... Memphis, Tenn
Richard Jimerson ..... 2343 Market
Estelle M. Reed ..... 6170 Minerva
William C. Koch ..... 2336A Holly
Elsie A. Schine ..... 2006 Market
Cordia F. Cotton ..... 215 Leffingwell
Johnetta E. Edwards ..... 4537 N. 24
Arthur J. Wiesehan ..... 2328A Athlone
Alma Vornbrock ..... 2808 Lafayette
Edward L. Priesmeyer ..... 5225 Blair
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East St. Louis.

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Lida Bolzan ..... East St. Louis, Ill

St. Charles.

S. Carson ..... St. Charles
Miss Blanche Oglesby ..... St. Charles

Solid Gold Wedding Rings, $5 to $25.
JACCARD'S, Broadway, cor. Locust.

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P. and D. Gillegan, 2712 Bernard: boy.
W. and I. Scott, 4349 Manchester; boy.
L. and A. Koetter, 1120 Linton; boy.
D. and A. Kerckhoff, 3640 Utah; boy.
C. and T. Brandt, 2939 N. 14th; boy.
P. and E. Derby, 2445 Thrush; boy.
F. and G. Burk, 2945 Lawton; boy.
W. and E. Spehr, 2439 Gilmore; boy.
L. and A. Pease, 5447A Easton; boy.
W. and C. Mosby, 3930 Papin; boy.
H. and K. Davids, 3404 Missouri; boy.
C. and E. Luebke, 2486 Bernays; boy.
A. and K. Fahey, 2708 Howard; boy.
H. and D. Meier, 2020 Mallinckrodt; boy.
F. and M. Hahn, 1544 N. 10th; boy.
W. and N. Roche, 1638 N. 18th; boy.
W. and E. Davies, 5364A Ridge; boy.
W. and A. Mackay, 1019 Dillon; boy.
J. and R. Fagan, 1951 Biddle; boy.
E. and A. Irion, 2018 Pennsylvania; boy.
L. and E. Churchill, 3512 N. 24; boy.
R. and I. Hellmann, 1633 Ohio; boy.
J. and C. Ibarra, 3720 Edward; boy.
A. and M. Bell, 1611 Belt; boy.
L. and P. Bailey, 4033 Harney; boy.
V. and C. Corrente, 1800 Cooper; boy.
J. and M. Glanville, 3148 Locust; boy.
G. and I. Brunsen, 2015 College; boy.
J. and A. Flora, 322 Manchester; boy.
J. and M. Leonard, 3550A Caroline; boy.
W. and K. Blumenthal, 851 Cowan; boy.
G. and E. Bender, 4364 Hunt; boy.
L. and G. Green, 1233 N. 12th; boy.
E. and D. Burke, 4524 Wichita; boy.
F. and M. Lane, 4440 Swan; boy.

East St. Louis.

W. and M. Hagen, 705 N. 18th; girl.
J. and T. Lewis, 1037 Trendley; boy.
G. and R. Lucas, 916 Trendley; boy.
E. and E. Rupert, 1500 Piggott; girl.

BURIAL PERMITS.

Geo. W. Ostertag, 40, 1224 Deer; cirrhosis.
Mary E. Lawler, 22, 2025 Dickson; tuberculosis.
James Gannon, 45, 6202 Michigan; tuberculosis.
Paul Meims, 50, 1427 Park; cancer.
Rachel Meyer, 50, 5057 McPherson; pneumonia.
Wm. H. Dale, 42, Paris, Tex.; diabetes.
Chester Rider, 31, 1209 Hamilton; heart disease.
Geo. Scott, 55, 612 S. Ewing; heart disease.
John F. Neumeister, 30, 2835 Keokuk; peritonitis.
Geo. Kratze, 58, 2240 Osage; carcinoma.
Manie Cosgrove, 26, 1026 Dolman; phthisis.
Harry S. Reid, 27, 2501A N. Prairie; peritonitis.
Ida Young, 34, 2750 Lawton; peritonitis.
Ellen Thompson, 55, 2309 Franklin; cancer.
Eliz. Asner, 92, 2200 Hebert; debility.
Thos. Sherman, 81, 1424A R. Oliver; asthma.
Michael G. Byron, 30, 4500 Morgan; tuberculosis.
James Taylor, 51, 4263 St. Ferdinand; pneumonia.
Geo. Overstreet, 30, 1118 N. 22d; heart disease.
Susan McLadd, 74, 41 Washington Terrace; carcinoma.
John Mosconi, 70, 2853 St. Ferdinand; nephritis.
Andrea Davis, 57, 610 Walnut; pneumonia.
Thomas McGraw, 65, 514 S. 2d; pericarditis.
Vina Johnson, 42, 1313 Linden; phthisis.
Sarah J. Brown, 65, 4209 Kennerly; hemorrhage.

East St. Louis.

Katherine Comin, 37, St. Mary's Hospital; accident.
Minnie Comin, 6 years, St. Mary's Hospital; accident.
David Byron Morgan, 84, 549 N. 13th; cardiac insufficiency.
Eugene V. Goudey, 46, 2710 Belleview; gunshot wound.
Peter Collins, 50, 314A Collinsville; asphyxiation.

New French Tea Garden.

One of the most interesting and most beautiful tea gardens in America is that of the Prufrock-Litton New Furniture Store. The company has thrown the entire fifth floor of their new home into a magnificent resting place for tired shoppers. The decorations are beautiful to behold. An atmosphere of ease, comfort and quietude pervades these quarters. The company serves a cup of hot exhilarating India tea to all its guests, and further entertains them with the masterpieces of Caruso, Melba and other stars, from 2 to 5 p. m. daily. No charges are made for any of this entertainment. The company maintains these sumptuous quarters and provides these pleasures for the convenience and enjoyment of its friends and visitors. It's quite an innovation and a treat to all St. Louisans and The Prufrock-Litton company are to be congratulated for introducing such a novel and pleasurable tea garden.

BUILDING PERMITS.
Brick.

Trade Realty and Building Co., 3949-73-75 Hartford street, three two-story dwellings; $7500.
Jewish Hospital, 5415 Delmar boulevard, two-story lounging room; $2500.
Albert Realty and Building Co., 2001 Mackland avenue, two-story store and dwelling; $3000.

FARMS WANTED

FARM Wtd.—Experienced farmer and family want to rent small farm near St. Louis. Call 3802 Arsenal st. (c)

REAL ESTATE FOR EXCHANGE

COTTAGE Wtd.—Large brick dwelling, hot-water heat, all improvements; large 2-story brick barn; close in; to exchange for clear cottage, worth about $6000, in this or other towns; agents will be paid in full. Box M-198, Post-Dispatch. (6)

ARBITRARY NOT MENTIONED IN THE HOUSE BILL

No Attention Will Be Paid to Nine Reasons Against Granting Concessions.

COUNCIL IS FIRM

Schatz and His Followers Demand Railroads Shall Drop Extra Tarrif.

In a formal reply to President W. S. McChesney's defense of the "arbitraries" collected on freight and passengers by the Terminal Association, Councilman Schutz and three other leading members of the Council seem to have leveled at the House of Delegates and Mayor Kreismann a significant reminder that the popular vote for the free bridge was in reality a declaration against the continuance of such tolls.

Mayor Kreismann and members of the House of Delegates have not only failed to support the Council in its demand for the abolition of the "arbitraries," but have even tacitly agreed to waive compliance with the Council's ultimatum if the Terminal Association pays the city $2,000,000 cash as a consideration for the use of streets in the Ranken tract and in satisfaction of the company's many broken promises.

Since the withdrawal of the Council's representatives from conferences with the Terminal Association on the subject of vacating streets in the Ranken tract, the Mayor and Speaker Rombauer of the House of Delegates have reopened the negotiations and have discussed the provisions of a bill which will be ready for introduction in the Assembly after the holidays.

This bill will contain no stipulation that the Terminal Association is to remove or reduce its charges on traffic across the river.

Schatz Makes Report.

The report was made by Councilman Schutz and the other conferees—President Gundlach, Councilman Drew and Councilman Schneiderhahn—received the unanimous approval of the nine members at Friday's meeting.

That the Terminal Association can hope for no concession is indicated in the committee's statement that "this source of strife, discrimination and of broken promises (the bridge arbitrary) should be removed finally and forever, so that at last a full and complete amity and harmony may be established between the municipality, the railroads and the commercial interests of the city."

The nine reasons why the Council conference committee demanded, and still demands, the complete abolition of the bridge arbitraries before granting any franchise concessions to the Terminal Association are:

1. The railroads have not dealt fairly with St. Louis, and the arbitrary is proof of the injustice.

2. The railroads, through the Terminal, should deal with St. Louis as if they actually entered the city, and local commerce should pay no more to the combination than to the individual roads.

3. The conferees do not object to union terminals, but oppose the system by which railroads save money by joint operation and retaliate by levying extra charges on local commerce.

4. The abolition of arbitraries amounting to $2,000,000 a year is proof that many industries were driven from the city, and an argument in favor of the abolition of all arbitraries.

5. If the Terminal cannot remove arbitraries the railroads composing it can.

6. The Terminal Association is not a railroad, and St. Louis commerce ought not to pay what the railroads themselves should pay—the cost of its operation.

7. The city ought not grant an ordinance permitting the Terminal to levy charges that individual roads could not make if the association is dissolved by the courts.

8. The vote for the free bridge was in effect a practically unanimous vote against the bridge arbitrary.

9. The principle of bridge arbitraries is wrong, and this fruitful source of strife, discrimination and broken promises should be removed forever so that harmony may be established between the city, the railroads and the commercial interests.

The committee that compiled the nine reasons for the abolition of the arbitrary are eager to give a public hearing on the bill.

We make all kinds of buttons. U. S. Clothing Co., 706 N. Broadway.

FORTY STUDENTS MAKE TOUR OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Class From St. Louis College of Pharmacy Visits Post-Dispatch and Big Stores.

Forty students of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy at Twenty-first and Locust streets, liberated for the Christmas holidays, turned the downtown district Wednesday morning, and halted to give their college yells wherever they could find room enough to get together.

They visited the Post-Dispatch office and inspected the entire plant, and when they reached the editorial rooms, gave a college yell that threatened to lift the ceiling. They cheered for their school, for the Post-Dispatch, and for the staff, collectively and individually. Afterward they visited all of the hotels, the department stores and the wholesale druggists.

ST. LOUISAN SUGGESTED AS CAMPAIGN MANAGER

CHARLES P. SENTER

SEES WAY FOR "UNCLE JOE" TO BE PRESIDENT

Pennsylvanian Believes Speaker Has Only to Prove His Forbears Were Hanged.

By Wire From the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

SPEAKER CANNON got the following from a Pennsylvania Republican in his mail today:

"Dear Mr. Speaker—I read your Irish pedigree in the New York World. The O'Cannonans were a great tribe of a great race. If you can only prove that some of your forbears were hung, you will be elected President sure, Billy Taft and Teddy Roosevelt to the contrary notwithstanding."

"P. S.—Don't disturb Representative Cooper of my district. He already controls both parties in the district and we are jealous of his rights."

Mate of Ferryboat Thinks Carnegie Affected in Compass.

A BELATED pun, with Andrew Carnegie the victim, is being circulated. The ironmaster was on board a ferryboat at Norfolk on the day the President visited that port. Something went wrong with the compass. The captain appealed to the mate. The mate examined the compass and said:

"I guess it must be attracted by that steel magnate over there."

Senator Burrows Resurrects Englishman and Pie Joke.

SENATOR BURROWS of Michigan is responsible for the resurrection of the pie joke and the Englishman. He told it to Senator Depew as a personal experience. It seems that the Senator overheard the Englishman and was in the restaurant at the time it happened.

An American entered and asked for pie. The waiter named over the pie available.

"I'll take some apple, some mince, a little pumpkin, a wedge of peach and a slice of cranberry," said the customer.

"What's the matter with the custard?" asked the waiter.

"And what was the matter with the custard?" the Englishman asked the waiter."

WOMAN GETS $500 VERDICT IN ROW OVER 50-CENT CHICKEN

Neighbor Caused Her Arrest for Theft of Fowl and She Sued for $1000.

MACON, Mo., Dec. 22.—A verdict for $500 was given Mrs. Cynthia Lucas, 63 years old, against Daniel Bruner, 69 years old, because Bruner had Mrs. Lucas arrested for stealing a chicken worth 50 cents. The litigants were next-door neighbors, living at Excello.

Bruner missed a chicken, and some friends told him that Mrs. Lucas took it. He had her arrested and at the trial before the justice she was discharged. She brought suit against Bruner for her humiliation at the trial, placing her damages at $1000.

The case was tried in the Macon Circuit Court and the issues presented by veteran attorneys. Bruner says he will appeal.

BUTTER AND EGGS SKY HIGH

Butter in New York 42 to 45 Cents and Eggs 55 Cents a Dozen.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Butter and eggs have soared to a record figure in New York holiday market. The best grade butter was quoted today at 42 to 45 cents retail, while 55 cents a dozen for eggs was the price for the freshest eggs.

The housewife found some consolation in the fact that cranberries are quoted at 10 cents a quart, which is a lower price than they have commanded for several years. This, however, appears to be the only Christmas dinner dainty that can be obtained for less money than a year ago.

Next Saturday being Christmas, send in your Sunday "Wants" on Friday and save Xmas day from business worry.

OPPOSITION TO SENTER SHOWN IN COMMITTEE

Democrats Urge That Selection of Campaign Manager Be Postponed.

FRIENDLY TO FRANCIS

Senatorial Fight in Which Reed and Folk Are Interested Is Involved.

Fearing that the selection of Charles P. Senter as campaign manager may precipitate factional dissensions, members of the Democratic State Committee are urging the Executive Committee, in session Wednesday, to defer action on that matter until the State Convention at Kansas City, Jan. 3.

It is understood that one of the committeemen friendly to the senatorial candidacy of former Gov. Folk, objects to Senter on the ground that he is a personal friend of David R. Francis, and would be prejudiced in his favor if Francis became an aspirant for the United States Senatorship.

Former Mayor Reed of Kansas City, who came to St. Louis Wednesday, is also thought to be opposed to Senter for the same reason, although his friends say he is not on record to that effect.

Reed to Stay in Fight.

Reed announced on his arrival that he is in the senatorial fight to stay.

"What will be your platform?" he was asked.

"I intend to stand on Democratic principles," he replied.

The executive committee was slow in assembling. H. W. Johnson, chairman of the body, and Secretary E. L. Harty appeared at headquarters in the Commonwealth Trust building at noon, but none of the other members was on hand at that hour.

Chairman Johnson, when seen by a Post-Dispatch reporter, declared that he was not responsible for the report that a campaign manager would be selected at the present meeting.

Opposition in the Country.

"Our committee," he said, "has authority to consider that matter and to make a selection, but I do not know that the committee cares to do so at this time."

The boom for Senter, formerly chairman of the St. Louis Cotton Exchange, is being nursed by Ed F. Goltra and State Senator Kinney. The country members are rather lukewarm and prefer, it is said, some man who is not a resident of St. Louis.

The fact remains, however, that probably a majority of the committee favors Francis for senator and on this account they may finally choose Senter, notwithstanding the opposition from the Folk and Reed quarters.

Preceding the executive committee meeting Chairman Johnson held a long conference with Mr. Francis at the latter's office on Fourth street. Only routine matters pertaining to the party organization were discussed, according to Johnson.

WIDOW REBELS AT OFFERS TO WED, IN RESPONSE TO LETTER SHE NEVER WROTE

Recipient of Proposals Suspects That Is Is Boarders' Idea of a Joke.

There are two boarders in a North St. Louis boarding house who may as well hang up their stockings Christmas Eve, so far as the landlady is concerned. She will put not so much as a bag of popcorn in their number elevens, and they may think themselves lucky if she does not, instead, send them a Christmas card giving them notice to find a new boarding place.

The landlady is Mrs. L. B. Reason of 2114 Blair avenue, and she believes the two boarders sent to the chief of police of Spokane, Wash., a letter purporting to announce that she, Mrs. Reason, was in search of a husband. Dispatches from Spokane brought the text of the letter back to St. Louis. This is it:

I am a widow, 35 years old, a brunette; height, 5 feet 5 inches, and weigh 133 pounds. I have a jolly good nature and am a good housekeeper. I am strictly a business woman of good Kentucky birth. Now, if you know of some good middle-aged gentleman who wants a good wife I think I will suit him. I have been a widow for eight years. I am able to furnish references and shall expect them in return. I will exchange photis with any one who answers this letter. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, yours respectfully,
MRS. L. B. REASON,
2114 Blair avenue, St. Louis.

Her "jolly good nature" was not in evidence when Mrs. Reason first saw a copy of the letter. All her "133 pounds" trembled with indignation as she declared she had never written the letter, and that it was all a joke on the part of her boarders. She has received two proposals by mail, based on the publication of the letter in a Spokane paper, but says she will not answer them.

CALLS DAMAGES EXCESSIVE

Judge Crow of the Circuit Court at Belleville granted a new trial Wednesday to the Illinois Central Railroad, against which a jury assessed $7000 damages in a suit brought by the Mulberry Hill Coal Co. The plaintiff alleged that the railroad's failure to provide enough cars to remove its coal caused a loss estimated at $10,000.

Judge Crow granted a retrial on the ground that the damages awarded were excessive and computed erroneously.

GRAIN CONCERN CITED FOR USING TICKER FIGURES

Chicago Board Charges Temporary Injunction Has Been Violated.

Judge Dyer of the United States Circuit Court Wednesday issued a citation against the Merchants' Stock and Grain Co. and nine of its employes to appear before him Jan. 4 and show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court for violating a temporary injunction restraining them from receiving or using the quotations of the Chicago Board of Trade.

The temporary injunction was issued Nov. 3 upon the application of the Chicago Board of Trade. The individual defendants are John F. Ryan, Frank J. Miner, Peter Holmes, Patrick A. Stephens, P. B. Burch, Percy Anderson, Charles S. Sparkman, Frank Mullen, Ralph McDonough, Joseph E. Martin and Clyde Pumphrey.

The Chicago Board of Trade alleges the defendants violated the injunction by receiving the forbidden quotations and sending them to its 400 branch offices and in support of its charge filed the affidavits of Friedel L. Schuster, assistant chief reporter of the Chicago Board of Trade, and Emery J. Chevalier, a telegraph operator. The affidavits state these two men went to the office of the Merchants Stock and Grain Co. at Fourth and Pine streets Nov. 5 and that the operator found coming over the wires and saw copied on the board the wheat, corn, oats, pork, lard and short ribs quotations of the Chicago Board of Trade.

When the operator copied some of the quotations from the board he was ejected from the place by employes and policemen, according to the affidavits. The affidavit of George J. Burmeister, another telegraph operator, is offered in support of the charge that the quotations were sent to branch offices at Macomb, Ill., Monmouth, Ill., Ottumwa, Io., and Kansas City. An affidavit of Eugene F. Cooney, chief reporter of the Chicago Board of Trade, states that the quotations copied by the operator are same as those sent out by that organization.

Forger Has No Fingers or Thumbs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Harry McCullom, forger, who is without fingers or thumbs was convicted of passing a worthless check. Despite his crippled hands. He is said to be able to forge a signature.

MARKETS AND GOSSIP

PRODUCE MARKET.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Quotations given are prices at wholesale and those for butter, eggs, poultry, cheese and olives are furnished by the St. Louis Butter, Egg and Poultry Exchange.

BUTTER and eggs firm and in good demand at Tuesday's prices. Poultry in better demand, particularly turkeys, ducks and geese, which are higher.

BUTTER—Creamery extra, 36c; firsts at 33c; seconds, 31c. Country store packed at 22c.

EGGS—Extras, cases included, 33c; strictly fresh firsts, cases included, 31c; current receipts, cases included, 29c; cases returned, ½c less.

CHEESE—On orders, per pound: Northern Twins, 16½@16c; single, 16¾@17c; longhorns 17c; daisies, 17c; young A., 17c; prints, 17c; limburger, 16½@17c. Swiss—choice to fancy, 19@20c; do blocks, 18c; off grades, 9c to 15c; brick, 17c.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys—Hens

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STOCK MARKET OPENS LOWER IN NEW YORK

Rock Island Is Feature of the Early Trading, the Coppers Are Strong.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22, 12:30 p. m.—The strength which developed in the market in the first half hour's trading became irregular during the forenoon. Losses and gains were generally fractional, fluctuations of a point or more being confined to a few issues.

The coppers gained on reports that the merger was certain of accomplishment. Anaconda advanced ½, Amalgamated and Smelting ¾ each. Utah Copper, on the other hand, was weak, losing 1¼ points. Colorado Fuel receded ⅝, Lead ½, People's Gas ½ and Harvester 1 point.

In the rails division Northern Pacific declined ½, Erie ¼ K. C. Southern, M., K. & T. and St. Paul ½ each.

Atchison, B. & O., C. & O., Great Northern, New York Central, Southern Pacific and Wabash preferred ¼ each; Canadian Pacific ⅝, Reading ½, Rock Island common ⅝ and Pennsylvania 1 point.

B. R. T., Missouri Pacific, Rock Island preferred and Union Pacific were unchanged.

Call money ranged between 4⅝ and 5 per cent.

Trading was considerably under normal, the total sales to noon amounting to only 256,500 shares.

With the exceptions of International Harvester, the Copper stocks and a few of the rail issues, the market opened fractionally lower today. The declines averaged about ¼ point. As has been the case for the last few days Consolidated Gas was the feature of the early trading in point of activity.

Steel Common lost ⅛ and Colorado Fuel ¼. Amalgamated Copper gained ⅛. Smelting ⅝, Utah Copper ⅝, and Harvester 1. Consolidated Gas opened at parity.

In the railway list Atchison, B. & O., N. Y. Central, So. Pacific and Wabash preferred declined ¼ each, C. & O., Erie and Union Pacific ¼ each; Rock Island Common ⅝ and Mo. Pacific ½ point. B. R. T. advanced ⅛, Rock Island preferred ⅝ and Reading ½ point.

In the first fifteen minutes Rock Island preferred was advanced to 93⅝, thus establishing a new high record in this security for the last ten years.

In the first half hour's trading the trend of prices was higher, although the advances were generally insignificant. The Rock Island stocks were the feature of the early trading, the common gaining 1 point and the preferred 1⅛.

Pennsylvania, Southern Pacific, N. Y. Central, C. & O. and Atchison advanced a small fraction each. Reading declined ⅛ and Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Wabash preferred and Missouri Pacific were unchanged.

The industrials followed the lead of the rail issues. Steel common and the Coppers advanced a large fraction each, and Consolidated Gas gained 2 points. Utah Copper weakened a trifle.

At the end of the first half hour Rock Island preferred had advanced to 94¼, which is 2⅝ points above its opening.

Americans in London were quiet at about parity.

DETAILED REPORT OF DAY'S TRADING ON WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Opening prices in the stock market today did not vary much from yesterday's closing figures, the widest change in the active stocks reaching a gain of ¼ point in Reading. Other changes were about evenly divided in gains and losses. Rock Island preferred rose 1¼ and International Harvester 1.

Business increased largely in volume, but the purchasing orders were mostly in stocks which have shown recent decided strength such as Rock Island preferred and Consolidated Gas. A handful of other specialties also became strong, but the general run of stocks was neglected. The conditions encouraged bear selling of the railroad stocks later. Union Pacific going down nearly a point and the whole list following. Consolidated Gas lost most of its 2-point rise and Rock Island preferred receded 1¼ after going up 2⅜. Pittsburg Coal preferred rose 1¼, American Smelting 1¼ and Amalgamated Copper and Virginia-Carolina Chemical. American Can preferred lost 1¼.

Prices suffered from inaction, the market being practically lifeless. General Electric declined 1 and Pacific Mail 1¼. Pittsburg Coal rose 1. Bonds were irregular.

When it was announced that the dividend had been raised on Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis it rose two points. Pennsylvania rose 1⅛ and Reading 1¼. The rest of the market was completely at a standstill. Soo Line advanced 2. Minneapolis & St. Louis fell 1.

After the buying of Pennsylvania stocks had quieted down, the whole market relapsed into the recent state of idleness and fluctuations scarcely exceeded ⅛. Western Maryland certificates lost 2¼ and Kansas City Southern 1. United Dry Goods rose 1 and Reading second preferred 1¼.

The market closed heavy and dull. The coolers showed strength. Pennsylvania rising 1⅛, Delaware & Hudson 2½, Reading second preferred 5 and Lackawanna 1. Rock Island, American Cotton Oil and American Can preferred also gained 1 and International Power 2¼. Erie & Western preferred declined 1⅝ and Norfolk & Western preferred and Iowa Central preferred 1. Prices were affected by realizing at the last.

EAST ST. LOUIS NOTES.

Mrs. Katherine Comin of 3750 Missouri avenue, East St. Louis, who gave her life in an attempt to save that of her little daughter Minnie, when the child's clothing caught fire, Sunday morning, after an explosion of a toy stove, was buried in the same grave with the little girl, Wednesday. The child died from burns, Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Hospital, and the mother died Monday morning. The father, Edmund Comin, whose hands were burned trying to save his wife and child, was able to attend the funeral.

John Johnson, 35 years old, died at his home, 129 St. Clair avenue, Tuesday night. The funeral will be held from the residence, Thursday afternoon. Burial will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis.

At St. Paul's Episcopal Church there will be early celebration at 7:30 Christmas morning and Christmas services and music and holy communion at 10:45 a. m. The Rev. Francis M. Taylor, D. D., of the rectory, will conduct the celebration. The children's festival will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The body of David Byron Morgan, 84 years old, who died Tuesday afternoon at his home, 549 North Thirteenth street, will be sent to Carlyle, Ill., for burial, Thursday morning. Funeral services will be held at the residence, Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, of which order Mr. Morgan has been a member for more than sixty years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Frances Morgan, and two daughters, Miss Iva B. Morgan and Mrs. William P. Harvey.

Henry Logan, the cook. A "Buck's" range will satisfy her, and in fact, a fifth the whole family can enjoy. Rhodes-Burford sells them on easy monthly payments.

New York Stock Quotations.

Reported daily for the Post-Dispatch by Francis, Bro. & Co., 214 North Fourth street. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Noon.	Change from Last Close.
AMERICAN CAN COMMON	13½	....	....	13½	-½
DO PREFERRED	81½	81½	80½	81¼	-¾
AMALGAMATED COPPER	88½	89¼	88½	89¼	*¼
AM. A. CHEM. COMMON	47¼	47½	47	47½	*½
AM. LOCOMOTIVE COMMON	60½	....	....	60½	-¼
AMERICAN SMELTER COMMON	102¼	103	102½	102⅞	*1⅛
AMERICAN BEET SUGAR	46½	47¼	46½	47¼	*½
AMERICAN TELEPHONE	142⅜	142½	142¼	142⅜	....
ANACONDA COPPER	50¼	50⅝	50¼	50½	*⅜
ATCHISON COMMON	121½	121⅝	121½	121⅝	....
ATLANTIC COAST LINE	136¾	136⅞	136	136	-¼
B. R. T.	80½	80⅝	80¼	80⅝	....
BALTIMORE & OHIO	117½	117⅞	117½	117⅝	*⅛
CANADIAN PACIFIC	179	179⅜	179	179⅜	*⅜
C., C., C. & ST. L.	82½	....	....	82½	*½
CENTRAL LEATHER COMMON	47⅜	47⅜	47⅛	47⅛	-⅛
C. M. & ST. P. COMMON	158	158	157½	157½	-½
COLORADO FUEL & IRON	51	51	50⅝	50⅝	-⅝
COLO. SOUTHERN COMMON	54	....	....	54	-2⅜
CONSOLIDATED GAS	159¼	161¼	159¼	160	*¾
CORN PROD. REF. COMMON	23	23	22⅞	23	*⅝
CHICAGO & ALTON PREFERRED	70	....	....	70	....
CHESAPEAKE & OHIO	86⅞	87⅛	86⅞	87	-⅛
DULUTH S. S. & A	17	17⅛	17	17⅛	*⅛
D. & R. G. COMMON	51⅝	51⅝	51½	51½	-⅛
ERIE COMMON	33⅜	33⅜	33½	33½	-½
GENERAL ELECTRIC	153¼	....	....	159⅛	-⅞
GREAT NORTHERN PREFERRED	143¼	143½	143¼	143½	*¼
GREAT NORTHERN ORE	81	....	....	81	....
INTERBORO MET. COMMON	24⅜	24⅜	24⅛	24½	....
DO PREFERRED	61⅛	61⅞	61⅛	61½	....
INTERN. PAPER COMMON	16¼	....	....	16¼	....
KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN COMMON	44	44	43⅜	43⅜	-⅝
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE	157⅛	....	....	157⅜	-⅛
M., K. & T. COMMON	49¼	49¼	48⅝	48⅞	-⅛
MISSOURI PACIFIC	71	....	....	71	-½
M., ST. P. & S. S. M.	138½	140	138½	140	*1⅜
NATIONAL ENAM. COMMON	27⅜	....	....	27⅜	-⅛
NATIONAL LEAD COMMON	89½	89½	89½	89⅜	*¼
NORTHERN PACIFIC	145⅜	145⅜	145¼	145¼	-⅛
NEW YORK CENTRAL	123	123¼	123	123¼	*⅛
N. Y., O. & W.	49	....	....	49	-⅛
NORFOLK & WESTERN	99½	99⅜	99½	99⅜	*¼
PACIFIC MAIL	41	....	....	41	-1¼
PENNSYLVANIA	135½	136⅜	135⅝	136⅜	*⅞
PEOPLE'S GAS	116	116⅜	115½	115½	-¼
PULLMAN CO.	190	....	....	190	-½
P. S. CAR COMMON	52	....	....	52	*¼
REP. I. & S. COMMON	46¼	....	....	46¼	*½
DO PREFERRED	105	....	....	105	*¼
READING COMMON	171	171⅞	170½	171½	*1
ROCK ISLAND COMMON	44½	45⅝	44¼	45⅜	*½
DO PREFERRED (high record)	92⅜	94⅜	92⅜	92⅜	*½
RY. S. S. COMMON	52	52	51⅞	52	*½
SOUTHERN PACIFIC	133⅞	134½	133⅝	134½	*½
SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMMON	31⅞	32¼	31⅞	32	....
DO PREFERRED	73⅜	....	....	73⅜	-¼
ST. L. & S. F. SECOND PREFERRED	58	....	....	58	-½
ST. L. & S. W. COMMON	32⅝	....	....	32⅝	-⅛
TEXAS PACIFIC	35½	....	....	35½	-⅛
TOLEDO COMMON	53	....	....	53	*¼
DO PREFERRED	70½	70½	70¼	70¼	-¼
UNION PACIFIC COMMON	202½	202⅝	202	202⅜	-⅝
DO PREFERRED	104	....	....	104	....
U. S. STEEL COMMON	91¼	91⅜	91½	91½	*⅛
DO PREFERRED	125	....	....	125	*½
UTAH COPPER	61⅜	61⅜	60	60¼	-⅝
VIRGINIA-C. C. C.	51½	52⅜	51½	52¼	*⅞
WABASH COMMON	21½	21½	21⅜	21⅜	*⅛
DO PREFERRED	58⅝	58⅞	58¼	58⅞	*⅛
WESTINGHOUSE	81⅝	81⅝	81¼	81¼	-¼
WESTERN UNION	77¼	77½	77	77	-½
PITTSBURG COAL	27⅜	28⅜	27⅜	28¼	*⅝

*Advanced. -Declined. ....Unchanged.
Sales to noon, 256,500 shares.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
2s of April 1, 1930	Registered....101½	102	Coupon....101½	....	....
3s of August, 1908-18	Registered....101¾	102¼	Coupon....101¾	102¼	....
4s of Feb. 1, 1925	Registered....114½	115½	Coupon....115½	116	....

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Transactions at the local banks and trust companies continue in good volume. Generally business is reported in excellent condition, especially the retail branch, holiday shopping having a stimulating effect. Counter transactions at the various financial institutions are quite large. The demand for money continues active, but funds are plentiful and the market shows no disposition right now to tighten, though a firmer situation is anticipated after the turn of the year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.
Demand sterling, 4.88@4.8805.
Paris check on London, 25fr. 22½c.
Berlin check on London, 20m. 47¼pfg.
Market discounts, Paris, 2¼.
Market discounts, Berlin, 4½.
Three months' bills, London, 3⅝.
British consols, 82 5-16.
French rentes, 98.77½.
Japanese 4s, 92½.
Russian 4s, 94.
German Imp. 3s, 84.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—The nearer we approach the end of the year, the quieter is the business in money, that is, so far as new transactions are concerned. Preparations are already being made for Jan. 1 interest and dividend disbursements, and attention is being more directed to this phase of the situation. National banks are willing loaners of call money, but they are not putting out time funds in any amount, except to their own depositors. On call, money is mostly 5½ per cent, with exceptions at 6 per cent and 5 per cent. Time money is 5½ per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Call money was in good request and up to 5 per cent was paid, although the closing quotation was 4¼ per cent to 4½ per cent. A large amount was borrowed from the Bank of England, but only small business was done in bills. Discounts were easy at 3⅞ per cent. The Continent was a buyer at 3 15-16 per cent.

New York Curb Opening.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amer. Tobacco com.	430	435
Bay State Gas	⅞	1
Chicago Subway	4⅝	4⅞
Havana Tobacco	7	8
do pfd	10	30
International Salt	5	5
Manhattan Transit	2	3⅜
Standard Oil	605	620
Tidewater 6s	101½	101⅝
Con. S. S. 4s	20	24
Western Pacific 5s	97	97½
Boston Consolidated	22	22½
British Copper	8	8¼
Buffalo Mines	2¼	2⅜
Butte Coalition	20	20⅜
Cobalt Central	25	26
Cumberland Ely	8	10
Crown Reserve	4½	5
Davis Daly	4⅜	4⅝
Dolores Limited	7⅛	7⅜
Douglas Copper	1 15-16	2
Ely Central	2¼	2 3-16
Goldfield Consolidated	8 1-16	8 3-16
Goldfield Florence	3¾	3¾
Goldfield Daisy	9	10
Greene Cananea	11⅝	12
Giroux	11	11¼
Inspiration	8 7-16	8½
Kerr Lake	8¼	8⅝
La Rose	4⅝	5
Mason Valley	22¼	22⅝
Miami Copper	22⅞	23
Mines of America	7-16	7⅝
Montgomery Shoshone	1¼	1⅜
Nevada Consolidated	24⅛	24⅜
Nevada Utah	1⅜	1⅝
Newhouse	4 1-16	4⅛
Nipissing	10⅝	10⅞
Ohio Copper	6	6⅜
Rawhide Coalition	17	19
Ray Cons.	23¼	23¾
Shannon Consolidated	8⅜	8½
Tonopah Mining	7⅛	7⅜
Tri-Bullion	15-16	1
Timiskaming	57	58
United Copper	7⅛	8¼
do pfd.	21	30
Yukon	7⅛	8
Olla	5⅝	6¼
Chino	11	11⅛

Many of the above quotations are necessarily nominal.

COFFEE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The receipts of coffee at Rio last week were 109,000 bags and at Santos 127,000, a total of 236,000 bags. This compares with 214,000 the previous week, 208,000 same time in 1908, and 164,000 in 1907 and 425,000 in 1906.

NEW YORK BOND SALES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

$5,000	B. & O. 4s	at 96
6,000	Atch. 4s	at 100
2,000	L. & N. 4s	at 100
2,000	C. & O. 4½s	at 102¾
1,000	M., K. & T. 4s	at 80
8,000	Quincy 4s	at 97
25,000	R. I. 4s	at 80½
5,000	Mo. Pac. 4s	at 81¾
4,000	Central Leather 5s	at 94
1,000	Colo. Sou. 4½s	at 98⅛
25,000	Inter. R. M. 4½s	at 83¾
6,000	Wabash 4s	at 76⅝
7,000	Atl. Coast L. 4s	at 94⅞
1,000	O. & W. 4s	at 97½
2,000	So. Ry. 5s	at 110½
5,000	So. Pac. 4s	at 91⅞
1,000	M. K. T. 5s	at 104½
1,000	Mar., Paul 4s	at 99¾
10,000	Frisco rfg. 4s	at 84¼
1,000	Jap. Govt. new 4½s	at 93½
1,000	So. Pac. 4s	at 92⅝
1,000	Atch. 4s	at 100
4,000	R. I. 4s	at 80½
10,000	Un. Pac. 4s	at 116½
5,000	Un. Pac. 4s	at 102¼
1,000	So. Pac. cv. 4s	at 97
5,000	Erie 4s	at 85⅝
5,000	B. R. T. 4s	at 87
15,000	M., K. & T. 4s	at 102⅛
1,000	Oregon Short L. 4s	at 94⅛
3,000	Cen. Leather 5s	at 94⅞
10,000	R. I. 4s	at 80¼
1,000	Penn. cv. 3½s, 1915	at 94⅛
5,000	Interboro 4½s	at 84⅜
5,000	Frisco rfg. 4s	at 85
1,000	Amn. Tob. 6s	at 104¼
1,000	U. Rub. Steel 5s	at 105½
3,000	Amn. Tob. 4s	at 77⅝
15,000	So. Pac. 4s	at 92
6,000	Man. Elev. 4s	at 91¼
1,000	Jap. Gov. new 4½s	at 93¼
3,000	Central Leather 5s	at 90
10,000	N. Y., N. H. & H. 6s	at 134⅝
5,000	Green. Bay 4s	at 85⅜
1,000	Mo. Pac. 4s	at 81½
1,000	City of N. Y. Corp 4s, 1957	at 110¼
5,000	West. Union 4½s	at 99
5,000	West. Union 4½s	at 97
15,000	Penn. cv. 3½s, 1915s	at 96½
8,000	Wabash 4s	at 76⅛
3,000	B. R. T. 4s	at 86¾
5,000	Interboro 4½s	at 83½
8,000	Colo. Sou. 4½s	at 98⅛
1,000	Nor. Pac. 4s	at 81⅝
2,000	S. & O. 4s	at 99½
10,000	R. I. 4s	at 80½
1,000	U. Pac. 4s	at 101⅝
15,000	So. Ry. 5s	at 111
10,000	Reading 4s	at 99¾
20,000	Jap. Govt. new 4½s	at 93½
5,000	West. Union 4s	at 77⅜
1,000	K. S. U. 5s	at 102⅝
1,000	Atl. Coast Col. Tr. 4s	at 94⅝
5,000	Atch.-Chalmers 5s	at 100⅜
5,000	Amn. Tob. 4s	at 80⅜
15,000	Jap. Govt. 4½s (new)	at 93⅝

NEW YORK CITY BONDS.

Quoted daily by W. N. Coler & Co., 43 Cedar street, New York.

		Bid.	Asked.
4s	May, 1959	100⅝	110⅝
	COUPONS INTEREST.		
4½s	May, 1957	105½	110¼
4½s	May, 1957	100⅝	110¼
4s	Nov., 1917	101	104
4s	May, 1917	100	104
	COUPONS INTEREST.		
4s	May, 1959	100⅛	100⅝
4s	Nov., 1957	100⅛	100⅝
4s	Nov., 1958	100⅛	100½
4s	May, 1919	100	100¼
	REGISTERED.		
4s	Nov., 1958-9	100	100⅜
4s	Nov., 1936	100⅝	100⅞
	COUPONS INTERCHANGEABLE.		
3½s	Nov., 1954	89⅛	90⅜
	REGISTERED.		
3½s	May, 1954	89⅛	90⅜
	REGISTERED.		
3½s	Nov., 1941	89⅛	91
	REGISTERED AND COUPON.		
3½s	Nov., 1941	89⅛	91
3½s	Nov., 1917	89⅛	93
3½s	Nov., 1917	89⅛	97
	STERLING REV.		
6s	Nov., 1910	102⅜	103

Interest to be added.

SUGAR MARKETS.

London cables show that cane is quiet; no change; Java, 12s. Beet is quiet; prices barely maintained; December, 12s 8¾d; January, 12s 4½d; May, 12s 8¾d.

Local refined sugars are quoted on the basis of 4.60c net, less 1 per cent for standard granulated.

MISS. VALLEY IS VERY ACTIVE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Local Securities Are Strong; Candy Continues to Move Upward.

From a trading standpoint Christmas week on the St. Louis Stock Exchange has been a busy one.

Wednesday's first session was a comparatively active one. Most of the transfers were in Mississippi Valley Trust, Hydraulic Press Brick and National Candy. Prices were harder all around. One hundred shares of Mississippi changed hands at 293, which is an advance of about a point, and Candy sold at 23½, against an average price of 23, on Tuesday. Hydraulic Brick was steady. Kansas City Home Telephone was sharply higher. Brewery bonds were also strong. There was an excellent undertone to the market.

Forenoon Session.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amer. Central Insurance	180	181
Ely-Walker D. G. 1st pfd.	102½	....
Granite-Bimetallic Mine	32½	35
Hydraulic Press Brick com.	17	17¼
do pfd	90	....
Kansas City Home Tel.	94	95
Kinloch Telephone, L. D.	96	....
National Candy com.	22½	23¾
Schultz Belting	100½	....
St. Louis Transfer	70	....
Union Sand	120¼	....
United Railways com.	20	21
do pfd.	71⅞	72¼
West. Ass. & S. C.	4⅜	....
R. J. & R. pfd.	99¾	....
Broadway Railroad 5s	100	....
East St. L. & Sub. 5s	....	100
Kinloch Tel. L. D. 5s	....	90
St. Louis Brew. Ass'n 6s	91½	....
United Railways 4s	82⅝	....
Nat. Bank of Com.	224	224¾
Third National	....	328
Bankers' Trust	199	....
Mississippi Valley	293	294¼

SALES.

10 Hydraulic Press Brick com. at 17.
15 Hydraulic Press Brick com. at 17.
50 Hydraulic Press Brick com. at 17.
25 Hydraulic Press Brick com. at 17.
5 Mississippi Valley Trust at 292½.
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5 Mississippi Valley Trust at 293.
30 Mississippi Valley Trust at 293.
20 Mississippi Valley Trust at 293.
25 Mississippi Valley Trust at 293.
50 K. C. Home Telephone at 94½.
$1000 St. Louis Brew. Ass'n 6s at 91½.
$1000 United Railways 4s at 83¼.
4 Bank of Commerce at 225.
1 Bank of Commerce at 225.
25 National Candy com. at 23¼.
25 National Candy com. at 23¾.
50 National Candy com. at 23½.
25 National Candy com. at 23¾.
50 National Candy com. at 23¾.
*100 National Candy com. at 23.
*20 United Railways com. at 20.

*Intersessions sales.

Afternoon Session.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amer. Central Ins.	180	....
Granite-Bimetallic Mine	....	35
Hydraulic P. B. com.	17	17⅛
do pfd.	90	....
K. C. Home Tel.	94½	....
Kinloch Telephone L. D.	96	....
National Candy com.	22⅝	23¾
Schultz Belting	100½	....
St. Louis Transfer	70	....
Union Sand	120¼	....
United Railways com.	20¾	21
do pfd.	71⅞	72¼
West. Ass. & S. C.	4⅜	....
R. J. & R. pfd.	99¾	....
Broadway Railroad 5s	100	....
East St. L. & Sub. 5s	....	100
Kinloch Tel. L. D. 5s	....	90
St. Louis Brew. Ass'n 6s	91½	....
United Railways 4s	82⅝	....
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Third National	....	328
Bankers' Trust	199	....
Mississippi Valley	293	294

SALES.

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$1000 United Railways 4s at 83¼.
*$2000 United Railways 4s at 83¼.
*$2000 United Railways 4s at 83¼.

*Intersessions sales.

New York Stock Close.

Reported daily for the Post-Dispatch by D. R. Francis & Bro. Com. Co., 214 North Fourth stareet.

Am. Car pfd.	81½	81½
Amal. Copper	88¾	88½
Am. Sm., common	102⅛	102⅝
An. Copper	50¼	50⅜
Atchison, common	121½	121½
Atlantic Coast Line	136⅜	136¼
B. R. T.	80⅛	80
B. & O.	117⅛	117½
Canadian Pacific	179	179⅜
Cen. L., common	47⅜	47
Chi., Mil. & St. P., com.	158	157½
Colo. F. & I.	51	50¾
Consolidated Gas	159¼	159¼
C. & O.	86⅞	86⅞
Dela. & Hudson	184¼	185⅝
D. & R. G. com.	51⅝	51⅜
General Elec.	159¼	159¼
G. Northern pfd.	143¼	143¼
G. Northern Ore	81	81¼
Intrboro Met. com.	24⅜	24½
do pfd.	61¼	61¼
K. C. Southern com.	44	43½
Laclede Gas com.	108⅞	108⅝
M., K. & T. com.	49¼	48⅞
Missouri Pacific	71	71⅛
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	138½	140¼
North American	84⅝	84⅝
Nat. Lead com.	89½	88⅝
Northern Pacific	145⅜	145½
N. Y. Central	123	123½
Penn.	135½	136⅜
Peo. Gas	116	115½
Pitts., C. C. & St. L.	98¼	99⅜
Reading, 2d P.	100	103½
Rep. I. & S., Com.	46¼	45⅞
Rep. I. & S., P.	105	106
Reading, Com.	171	171⅜
Rock Is., P. (high record	92⅜	93
Sou. Pac.	133⅞	134
U. P. com.	203¼	202
U. S. Steel com.	91¼	91¼
do pfd.	125	125¼
Utah Copper	61⅜	60½
Virginia-C. C. C.	51½	51⅞
Wabash pfd.	58⅝	58⅜
Western Union	81⅝	81⅜

TREASURY STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds:	
Gold coin	$477,034,869
Silver dollars	486,000,000
Silver dollars of 1890	3,960,000
Silver certificates outstanding	488,600,000
General fund:	
Standard silver dollars in general fund	974,377
Current liabilities	104,507,856
Working balance in Treasury offices	22,818,967
In banks to credit of Treasurer of the United States	27,356,584
Subsidiary silver coin	15,642,068
Minor coin	1,063,125
Total balance in general fund	78,850,710

COTTON PRICES HIGHER IN RESPONSE TO FIRM CABLES

Steadiness Continued Late in Forenoon; Western Bulls Support Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 3@10 points, with all positions making new high records for the season in response to firm cables, reports that Indian crop estimates are being reduced and a continuation of the Western bulls' support. January contracts sold at 15.30c and May at 15.92c during the early trading, and while there were slight reactions from these figures, the market showed a generally firm tone and the presence of a big demand for May around 15.88c.

The market continued firm late in the forenoon with prices ruling about 9 to 12 points higher on the active months. Spot quiet; middling uplands, 15.40c; middling gulf, 15.65c.

LIVERPOOL CLOSE.

Prices 10 points higher; American middling, 8.56d; good middling, 8.30d; middling, 8.18d; low middling, 8.08d; good ordinary, 7.82d; ordinary, 7.66d. The sales of the day were 6000 bales, of which 700 were for speculation and export and included 4900 American. Receipts, 3000 bales, including 2900 American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet. Dec. 8.01½d; Dec.-Jan., 8.01½d; Jan.-Feb. 8.02½d; Feb.-March, 8.06¼d; March-April, 8.08½d; April-May, 8.09½d; May-June, 8.10½d; June-July, 8.09½d; July-Aug., 8.08d; Aug.-Sept., 7.79½d; Sept.-Oct., 7.27½d; Oct.-Nov., 7.04d; Nov.-Dec., 6.86d.

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSE.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	15.20	15.32	15.20	15.28@30
March	15.58	15.67	15.56	15.65@66
May	15.88	15.94	15.87	15.92@93
July	15.89	15.92	15.81	15.80@90
August	15.59	15.62	15.55	15.60@62
September	14.81	14.35	14.27	14.31@32
October	13.57	13.65	13.55	13.62@63
December	15.18	15.27	15.18	15.24@25

LIVESTOCK.

NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, Ill., Dec. 22.—Comparative receipts:

	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Cattle	8,000	5,500	1,700
Hogs	10,000	12,000	9,400
Sheep	1,500	3,300	700
Horses and mules	225	300	300

NATIVE CATTLE—The receipts of native cattle were about 2000. Quality ordinary, no single load being as good as offered top yesterday. Mainly common and decent kinds. Tendency of market was to drag a bit, but prices virtually remained steady. Calves and stock cattle unchanged.

BEEF AND BUTCHER STEERS.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
20s&h.	970	$5 50	1	930	$5 50
20s&h.	1087	5 50	18	1098	5 25
19	1207	5 25			

HEIFERS.

1	890	5 25	10	540	4 50
10	802	4 25	11	560	4 15
1	720	4 15	1	740	4 15
2	835	4 00	1	630	3 75

COWS.

7	1082	4 40	6c&h.	955	4 25
6	1023	4 20	1	1030	4 00
1	890	3 75	1	900	3 75
7	992	3 65	1	1100	3 50
1	970	3 50	2	805	3 00
16	883	3 00	14	657	2 85

MIXED.

33	659	3 25	4	625	3 00

BULLS.

1	1680	4 50	1	1340	4 10
1	1400	4 00	1	1360	3 65
1	1160	3 65	1	980	3 60
1	1370	3 50	1	620	3 00

STAGS.

4	1332	5 00			

CALVES.

2	115	8 25	3	133	8 25
1	190	8 00	2	145	7 75
8	93	7 75	1	80	6 50
1	90	6 00	16	390	4 00
10	273	4 00	5	304	3 00

SOUTHERN CATTLE—The receipts of Southern cattle were about 1000. All canner and cutter stuff. Market fairly active and steady.

TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA CATTLE.

MAYOR FAVORS DIVERSION OF MULLANPHY FUND TO MISSOURI

Believes Money Should Be Used in Settling European Immigrants on Farms.

Immigration Commissioner Curran's plan to divert the Mullanphy fund, wholly or in part, to the settling of European immigrants on Missouri farm land, is approved by Mayor Kreismann. The Mayor has written to Gov. Hadley that he hopes to get a favorable opinion on the legality of the plan, and to persuade the Mullanphy Board to adopt it.

Vital W. Garesche, president of the board, has also asked the City Counselor for an opinion as to the possibility of diverting the fund, which amounts to $1,500,000. The bequest which governs the fund provides that it is to be used for the relief of immigrants passing through St. Louis on their way to make their homes in the West. The demands of this class are small, and last year only $1500 was spent for the purpose named. The board has recently constructed a $70,000 model tenement as part of its property.

NEGROES FIGHT DUEL WITH SHOTGUNS AND ARE UNHURT

Bloodless Battle Drives Pedestrians to Cover and Police Seek Participants.

Kirkwood police are looking for Ed Turner and Charley Pell, negroes, who fought a bloodless duel with shotguns at Main street and Webster avenue Tuesday night.

The men had a quarrel and each went home and procured a shotgun. They met again and each got behind a telegraph pole and they blazed away at each other until their ammunition was exhausted. Then they went away in opposite directions.

While the bombardment was on, pedestrians took refuge in the nearest stores and left the field to the combatants.

British Representative at Fair Dies.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lord Monkswell, president of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society, died today. Lord Monkswell had been a frequent visitor to the United States and was one of the British representatives at the international exhibitions at Chicago and St. Louis.

ST. CHARLES WOMAN MISSING SINCE SATURDAY SOUGHT HERE

Elmer Brown, Following Unsuccessful Hunt, Asks Police to Help.

Elmer Brown of St. Charles has asked the St. Louis police to look for his wife, Orlena Brown, of whom he has been unable to find a trace since last Saturday, when they came to St. Louis together. They intended to stop for several days at the home of Brown's sister, Mrs. Emma Trapp of 4149 Olive street, but when they arrived in St. Louis Mrs. Brown refused to go direct to Mrs. Trapp's home, saying she wished to shop.

Brown believed she might have visited Miss Katie Keck who is employed at Eleventh and Washington avenue, but police inquiry Tuesday showed that Miss Keck has not seen her. Brown says that his wife had been ill and had suffered from melancholia for several weeks.

Christmas Gifts for Gentlemen.

A beautiful Diamond Ring, Stud or Scarf Pin, Watch, Chain or Fob. You do not need ready cash. See our special Christmas bargains. Open evenings until Christmas. Loftis Bros. & Co., 2d floor, 308 N. 6th.

3850 NAMES IN ST. LOUIS' NEW "BLACK BOOK"

Social Register for 1910 Skims Social Cream From the Blue Book.

FACTS GIVEN TERSELY

List Contains 51 Who Are Dead or Are Now Living in Other Cities.

The Black Book is out.

Don't confuse it with a blacklist, or anything about blackballs. The people named in the Black Book may know about highballs, but they have no subjective knowledge of club blackballs or social blacklists.

The Black Book is as much more select than the Blue Book, as the Blue Book is more select than the City Directory. It represents a careful skimming of the social cream which the Blue Book endeavors to separate from the surface of common St. Louis mankind and womankind. Not only the "creme de la creme," in other words, but the "whole cheese."

The Black Book's official name is the Social Register of St. Louis, and its 1910 issue is just out. Unlike the Blue Book, the City Directory and various people's guides, it is not published in St. Louis, but in New York.

Facts Are Given Condensed.

Anyone who, not having a city directory at hand, started to look up a name in the Social Register, might be a bit puzzled by what he would find. Assuming that the name sought was in the little black-covered volume, it would be in something like the following form:

Spoopendyke Mr & Mrs Montague Q Jr (Abercrombie—Bedelia F Whiffenheimer) Sl.Mc.Nd.Cy.Rc.Wn.Bing '85 Juniors Miss Olivia and Mr Archibald * * Phone No 2323 Forest & kin 7654 Del 4800 Lindell Bl

This is as abbreviated as a stock market report, but, when the cipher is known, it becomes quite informative. It indicates, to those versed in reading the book, that Mr. Spoopendyke lives at 4800 Lindell boulevard, was graduated from Bingville College in 1885, and married Mrs. Bedelia Abercrombie, whose maiden name had been Whiffenheimer; that they have a son between 14 and 20 years of age, and a daughter between 12 and 17; that he is a member of the St. Louis, Mercantile, Noonday, Country and Racquet clubs, and that Mrs. Spoopendyke is a member of the St. Louis Woman's Club; also that they have telephones of both systems, whose numbers are designated in an order the reverse of that followed in the telephone companies' books.

Contains 3850 Names.

The book contains approximately 3850 names, but this number includes 51 who have died and a number living in other American cities or abroad. The list of weddings shows 93 during the year covered by the record, or five less than the year before. The usual list of "Married Maidens," a convenience for those who don't remember the name of that man that Miss Upperten married, is published.

James Eads How, known to the world as friend and companion of the hoboes, is in the list, his name appearing with that of his mother, Mrs. James F. How, as living at 4170 Lindell boulevard. Ellis Wainwright, who has not seen St. Louis since the boodle troubles began in 1902, is designated as "abroad."

Special Christmas Eve Train

Via C., P. & St. L., will leave St. Louis 5:40 p. m., Dec. 24, for Springfield, Medora, Jerseyville, Alton, Grafton and intermediate points. Low holiday rates. Ticket office, 211 N. 8th st. Telephone Main 1385.

HIGH SCHOOLS OF MISSOURI SHOW ENROLLMENT OF 34,741

State Superintendent Reports That 5713 Are Nonresidents and Pay Tuition.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Public schools of the State are keeping pace in growth and development with the advancement which Missouri is making along material lines. Statistics dealing with the high schools have been compiled by Howard A. Gass, State Superintendent of Public Schools. These show that Missouri has 414 high schools, with a total enrollment on Nov. 10 of 34,741 pupils, and employing 1651 teachers. Of the total enrollment, 5713 are nonresidents and pay tuition.

The largest high schools are those of St. Louis and Kansas City. The Manual Training High School of Kansas City is the largest in the State, and has a total enrollment now of 1632; the Westport at Kansas City ranks second, with 1468; the McKinley of St. Louis, third, with 1401; Central of Kansas City, fourth, with 1299; Louis Soldan, St. Louis, fifth, with 1210; Central of St. Louis, next, with 1175; Yeatman of St. Louis follows with 892.

Other large high schools are: St. Joseph, 1000; Springfield, 950; Joplin, 528; Sedalia, 452; Carthage, 358; Columbia, 308.

Free Scholarship Prize Contest.

Two contests. Non-registered children and advanced pupils of this and nearby states. Apply now. Perry School of Oratory, Y. M. C. A. Building, Grand and Franklin av. Kin. phone C. 5353L.

Entries for Aviation Meet.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—Thirty-seven heavier than air craft have been entered for the Los Angeles aviation meet. This equals the entries of this class at Rheims, France. It is believed the total will be 42.

Open Evenings Until 9 O'Clock. JAGGARD'S, Broadway and Locust.

OVERCOME BY GAS, WOMAN SUES

Mrs. Costelli Asks $7500 Damages From Laclede Company.

Mrs. Annie Costelli, who, with her husband, Philip, and son, Vincenzo, was overcome by gas in her home, 3012 North Newstead avenue, Oct. 7, has filed suit against the Laclede Gas Light Co. for $7500 damages, alleging that the gas main leaked.

The woman's attorney says that two other suits will be filed, one by the son for $7500, and another by Mrs. Costelli for the death of her husband. Costelli was killed by a train on a trestle near Kimmswick, Mo., two weeks after he was overcome by gas. The woman asserts that the gas made her husband stupid and he was unable to hear the train approaching.

Neckwear Sale Extraordinary

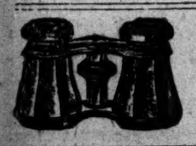
Here is just the opportunity to indulge yourself in the world's very finest neckwear at prices which will save you money.

50c for choice of $1.00 qualities
$1.15 for choice of $1.50 qualities
$1.35 for choice of $2.00 qualities
$1.65 for choice of $2.50 qualities
$1.95 for choice of $3, $3.50 and $3.75 qualities

No finer nor more exclusive silks can be obtained anywhere. This is an unprecedented Christmas buying opportunity to obtain at a great saving the most sumptuous and newest silks.

This offer includes our entire stock of neckwear, excepting only whites and blacks.

Werner & Werner
QUALITY CORNER
ON LOCUST STREET AT SIXTH



OPERA GLASSES--SPECIAL SALE

We have on hand about 100 Opera Glasses which have become slightly soiled through having been exposed in show windows—all first-class goods. We have placed them on sale at one-third off regular prices.

604 Olive Street **Erker's** 511 N. Grand Av.

Sale of These Stamps Will Aid Sufferers

Red Cross Christmas Stickers
ARE WEAPONS IN
Tuberculosis War

To raise money for aiding the fight against tuberculosis in St. Louis the St. Louis Society for the Relief and Prevention of Tuberculosis has placed Red Cross Christmas Stamps on sale at the Postoffice, Eighth and Olive streets and all the sub-stations, and at all the department stores, drug stores, banks, hotels, confectioners, haberdashers, millinery shops, and jewelry shops.

The stamps are one cent each, and the fund realized will go towards establishing a free open-air camp for St. Louis consumptives.

If you buy a stamp you help just that much in relieving the suffering of some unfortunate person, and in bettering the sanitary conditions of your city.

Place a stamp on each of your Christmas packages and letters.

BOILS AND BLOOD POISON
DRAWINE
is a wonderful and powerful drawing and healing Salve. Draws out poison, pus and corruption from any swelling in 48 hours. Is three times stronger than a poultice. Removes boils and carbuncles in 4 to 6 applications. Removes felons, skin cancers and ringworms. Heals all eruptions of the skin. Guar. Never fails. Price 25c. At your druggist or by mail. GEORGE M. FOWLER, Kin. St. Clair 1510L. 612 N. 24th Street. East St. Louis, Ill.

Hill's Liquor Specials

We can sell you a line of Holiday Liquors at about one-half the price you pay other places. We have them at all prices. Each and every one of these are big value, besides the extra Eagle Trading Stamps we give you.

Garrett's Genuine
Virginia Dare Wine
Your Christmas Dinner will not be complete without it; an exceptional fine table wine, made from the genuine Scuppernong grape; worth 75c; sale price, large bottle..... **42c**

High-Grade
Concord Wine
Unsurpassed for its mellowness, appetizing and invigorating qualities; clear as crystal; sure to please if you like a dry wine; worth 25c; sale price, large bottle..... **15c**

$10.00 Eagle Stamps with "Old Franklin" Whiskey — Extra high grade; full quarts; worth $1.50 per bottle..... **$1.25**

$2.00 Eagle Stamps with "Old Velvet" Whiskey — Actually worth $1.25; full-quart bottle; sale price..... **98c**

$1.00 Eagle Stamps with "Elite" Whiskey — Actually worth $1.00; sale price, per full-quart bottle..... **75c**

$3.00 Eagle Stamps with "Paul Jones" Whiskey — This celebrated brand; sold elsewhere $1.00; sale price, per bottle..... **83c**

Tom and Jerry; full quart bottles, regular $1.25.... **90c**

HOLIDAY GROCERY SNAPS

Fine Quality **Mixed Nuts** — Guaranteed strictly fresh; others charge 20c for this grade; sale price, lb..... **15c**

Extra Fine Home-Made **FRUIT CAKE** — You can buy none better; made of purest ingredients; others charge 45c and is not near as good; sale price, per lb..... **25c**

Sweet Ripe Juicy **Florida Oranges** — In spite of the advance we are offering some beauties which are generally sold at 30c; sale price, per doz..... **20c**

Fine Turkish Layer Figs; actually worth 15c; sale price, lb..... 12½c
Finest Persian Dates; best on the market; 3 lbs..... 25c
Finest Imported Malaga Grapes; worth 25c; per lb..... 20c
Atmores Plum Pudding; 2 lb. can 35c; 1 lb. can..... 20c
Fresh Roasted Jumbo Peanuts; regular 15c value; per lb..... 10c

H. G. HILL GROCERY AND BAKING CO.
Main Store 6th and Franklin
Branches { 2218 Victor Street. 2901 Missouri Av. Cor. Jefferson and Lafayette. Cor. Park Av. and Menard St.

THE TWO LAST DAYS BEFORE XMAS

Finds the assortment of Holiday stocks still surprisingly complete in every section of this popular store.

Notwithstanding the fact that all December selling records have been shattered by Famous this month, nothwithstanding the fact that the greatest crowds that ever assembled in this establishment are in attendance here daily—notwithstanding the fact that tremendous quantities of holiday wares are finding their way into the possession of contented owners here hourly—we fully anticipated your requirements and the lines are still unbroken.

Whether it is to be a dainty little novelty for personal adornment, useful wearing apparel, or a practical article for the home, we are absolutely sure that your wants can be most satisfactorily supplied in this wonderful Christmas store.

We again urge you to shop in the mornings and just as early as you conveniently can, so that we can give you the best possible service at our command. You will also confer a great favor upon the management of this store, if you will carry small parcels with you and thus assist us in relieving the great congestion in the delivery section.

Open Every Evening Till Xmas.

Famous WASHINGTON AVE. 6TH ST.

WE GIVE, REDEEM & GUARANTEE EAGLE TRADING STAMPS

Our Restaurant will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings

THREE MORE DAYS

Merry Indeed Will Be the Home in Which a Piano Is Among the Christmas Gifts.

At Thiebes-Stierlin Great Holiday Sale the Piano Can Be Purchased Without Hardly Feeling the Cost. A Piano for Every Purse and Satisfaction Guaranteed Every Purchaser.

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For $197 you can send home one of our best $275 brand-new latest models or $210 for the $300 styles; $296 for handsome $375 pianos.

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Very highest grade $500 and $600 pianos; best of the well-known makes going at $386 and $476. Slightly used and second-hand uprights, in fine condition, fully warranted, different, reliable, known to be good pianos, priced at about half value—$115, $135 and $167.

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Complete, in neat basswood box, stamped for burning. Special prices, this sale, $1.00, $1.69, $1.98, $3.69, $3.54.

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A lively indoor game; price, each..... $2.50

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Cut of Boys' Hockey Skates; price, per pair..... $2.25
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Fitted on shoes.

Price, with shoes to fit your feet, per pair, $8.00

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With regulator and brake, consisting of locomotive, tender, two coaches and track; operated by dry batteries. Special price, complete..... $1.19

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Especially adapted for running electric toys. Special price, this sale, each..... 19c

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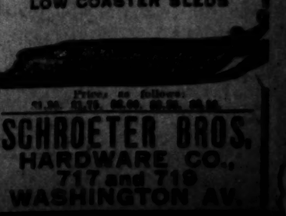

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